

Practice Exam for Design of Experiments

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 - 8
 - 4

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- 1
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- 16

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- 256
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- 64
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- 16
- 8
- 4

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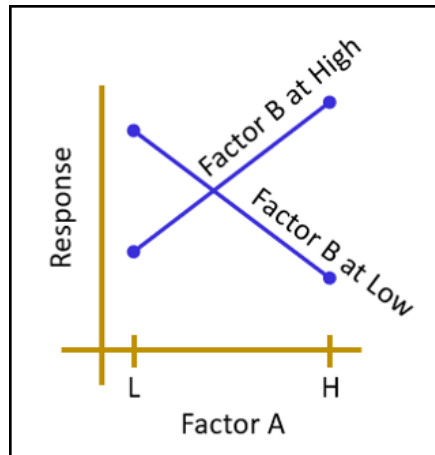
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		Factors		Response
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	2	-	+	75
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	2	-	+	75
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	4	-	-	95

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	2	+	+	-	B		
	3	+	-	+		C	
	4	+	-	-			D
	5	-	+	+		E	
	6	-	+	-	F		
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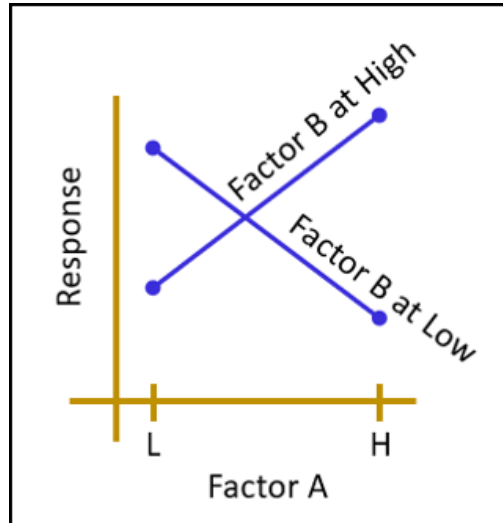
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Estimating the interaction effect means expanding the design matrix to include the interactions.

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Now we can perform the calculation for the interaction effect:

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If we complete the interaction design matrix, we can see which of the interactions would be considered “highs” for the interaction between the factors.

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	4	+	-	-	-	-	+
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The first order interactions are AB, AC and BC. In this situation there is only 1x second order interaction – ABC.

Let’s analyze the design matrix to determine the highs and lows for ABC. Based on this analysis, treatments 2,3,5 and 8 would represent the “lows” for the second order interaction (ABC).

		Factors			Interactions
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13	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
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- **Interaction Effect AB and Interaction Effect BD**

	Factors				Interactions					
	A	B	C	D	AB	AC	AD	BC	BD	CD
1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-
3	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
4	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
13	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
14	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
15	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
16	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+

33. You want to perform a DOE for a process with 4 factors, however you can only afford 8 treatment combinations.

You decide to do a half factorial with the following treatments.

Identify all of the confounding main effects or interaction effects:

		Factors				Interactions						
		Factor A	Factor B	Factor C	Factor D	AB	AC	AD	BC	BD	CD	
Treatments	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	3	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
	5	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-
	7	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
	9	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
	11	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
	13	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+
	15	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-

- Main Effects of Factors B & C
- Interaction Effect AD and Interaction Effect CD
- **Main Effects of Factors A & the Interaction Effect of AB**
- Main Effects of Factors B & C
- Interaction Effect BC and Interaction Effect BD
- **Main Effects of Factors B & the Interaction Effect of AC**
- Main Effects of Factors A & D
- Interaction Effect AB and Interaction Effect CD
- **Main Effects of Factors C & the Interaction Effect of BC**

		Factors				Interactions						
		Factor A	Factor B	Factor C	Factor D	AB	AC	AD	BC	BD	CD	
Treatments	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	3	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
	5	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-
	7	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
	9	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
	11	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
	13	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+
	15	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-

34. You performed a half factorial DOE to improve the yield of a process with four factors at two levels.

Identify all of the interaction effects below that should be considered “lows” when analyzing the interaction effects:

		Factors				Interactions					
		Factor A	Factor B	Factor C	Factor D	AB	AC	AD	BC	BD	CD
Treatments	1	+	+	+	+			A			
	3	+	-	-	+					B	
	5	-	+	-	+	C					
	7	-	-	+	+		D				
	9	+	+	+	-				E		F
	11	+	-	-	-					G	
	13	-	+	-	-		H				
	15	-	-	+	-				I		

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H
- I

If we complete the interaction design matrix, we can see which of the interactions would be considered “lows” for the interaction between the factors.

		Factors				Interactions					
		Factor A	Factor B	Factor C	Factor D	AB	AC	AD	BC	BD	CD
Treatments	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	3	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
	5	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-
	7	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+
	9	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
	11	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
	13	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
	15	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-