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• The prediction equation for a two-factor linear main-effect model without the consideration of interactions takes the form

$$
y = b_0 + b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2
$$

where y is the response,  $b_0$  is the y-axis intercept, and  $(b_1, b_2)$  $b<sub>2</sub>$ ) are the coefficients of the factors. For a balanced experiment design with factor-level considerations for  $x_1$ , and  $x_2$ , respectively, equal to -1 and +1, the  $b_1$ , and  $b_2$ coefficients equate to one-half of the effect and  $b<sub>0</sub>$  is the average of all the responses.

• Computer programs can determine these coefficients by such techniques as least squares regression.





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- Centerpoints can be added to the 2-level fractional factorial design to determine the validity of the linearity assumption of the model.
- When using a regression program on the coded effects, the fractional factorial levels should take on symmetrical values around zero (i.e., -1 and +1).
- To determine if the linearity assumption is valid, the average response of the centerpoints can be compared to the overall average of the two-level fractional factorial experiment trials.





- To determine the additional coefficients of a seconddegree polynomial, additional levels of the variables are needed between the endpoint levels.
- An efficient test approach to determine the coefficients of a second-degree polynomial is to use a central composite design.



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# 33.2 Central Composite Design

- An experiment design is said to be rotatable if the variance of the predicted response at some point is a function of only the distance of the point from the center.
- The central composite design is made rotatable when  $[a = (F)^{1/4}]$ , where F is the number of points used in the factorial part of the design. For two factors  $F = 2^2 = 4$ ; hence,  $a = (4)^{1/4} = 1.414$
- A useful property of the central composite design is that the additional axial points can be added to a two-level fractional factorial design as additional trials after the curvature is detected from initial experimental data.



- With a proper number of center points, the central composite design can be made such that the variance of the response at the origin is equal to the variance of the response at unit distance from the origin (i.e., a uniform precision design).
- This characteristic in the uniform precision design is important because it gives more protection against bias in the regression coefficients (because of the presence of thirddegree and higher terms in the true surface) than does the orthogonal design.

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## 33.2 Central Composite Design

• Table 33.1 shows the parameters needed to achieve a uniform precision design as a function of the number of variables in the experiment.





• Data are then analyzed using regression techniques to determine the output response surface as a function of the input variables.



- Comell (1984), Montgomery (1997), and Box et al. (1978) discuss analytical methods to determine maximum points on the response surface using the canonical form of the equation. The coefficients of this equation can be used to describe the shape of the surface (ellipsoid, hyperboloid, etc.).
- An alternative approach is to understand the response surface by using a computer contour plotting program, as illustrated in the next example.
- Determining the particular contour plot may help determine/ change process factors to yield a desirable/improved response output with minimal day-to-day variation.



- Creating a contour representation for the equation derived from an RSM can give direction for a follow-up experiment. For example, if the contour representation does not capture a peak that we are interested in, we could investigate new factor levels, which are at right angles to the contours that appear to give a higher response level. This is called direction of steepest ascent.
- When searching for factor levels that give a lower response, a similar direction of steepest descent approach could be used.











#### 33.3 Example 33.1 Response Surface Design







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#### Analysis of Variance for y1











#### 33.4 Box-Behnken Designs

- When estimating the first- and second-order terms of a response surface, Box and Behnken (1960) give an alternative to the central composite design approach.
- They present a list of l0 second-order rotatable designs covering 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 16 variables.
- However, in general, Box-Behnken designs are not always rotatable nor are they block orthogonal.
- One reason that an experimenter may choose this design over a central composite design is physical test constraints.
- This design requires only three levels of each variable, as opposed to five for the central composite design.









## 33.5 Mixture Designs

- When three factors are considered in a 2-level full factorial experiment (2 3 ), the factor space of interest is a cube. However, a threecomponent mixture experiment is represented by an equilateral triangle.
- The coordinate system for these problems is called a simplex coordinate system.







# 33.5 Mixture Designs

- In a designed mixture experiment, several combinations of components are chosen within the spatial extremes defined by the number of components (e.g., an equilateral triangle for three components).
- In one experiment all possible combinations of the components can be considered as viable candidates for determining an "optimal" response. However, in many situations some combinations of the components are not reasonable or may even cause a dangerous response.
- In this chapter, simplex lattice designs will be used when all combinations of the components are under consideration, while extreme vertices designs will be used when restrictions are placed on the proportions of the components.

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#### 33.6 Simplex Lattice Designs for Exploring the Whole Simplex Region

- The simplex lattice designs (Scheffé 1958) address problems where there are no restrictions on the limits of the percentages of compounds comprising the total 100% composition.
- A simplex lattice design for  $q$  components consists of points defined by the coordinates  $(q, m)$ , where the proportions assumed by each component take  $m + 1$  equally spaced values from 0 to 1 and all possible combinations of the components are considered.
- Figure 33.6 illustrates pictorially the spatial test consideration of several lattice design altematives for three and four components.



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- Cornell (1983) notes that the general form of a regression function that can be fitted easily to data collected at the points of a  $(q, m)$  simplex lattice is the canonical form of the polynomial. This form is then modified by applying the restriction that the terms of a polynomial sum to 1.
- The simplified expression for three components yields the firstdegree model form

$$
y = b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + b_3 x_3
$$

The second-degree model form is

$$
y = b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + b_3 x_3 + b_{12} x_1 x_2 + b_{13} x_1 x_3 + b_{23} x_2 x_3
$$

The special cubic polynomial form is

$$
y = b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + b_3x_3 + b_{12}x_1x_2 + b_{13}x_1x_3 + b_{23}x_2x_3 + b_{123}x_1x_2x_3
$$



- Any one combination of three solvents could be most effective in the solvent rinse of a contaminating by-product (Diamond I989).
- A (3, 2) simplex lattice with a center point was chosen for the initial evaluation.
- The design proportions with the by-product responses are shown in Table 33.4.







- A regression analysis for mixtures could be conducted, but in some cases, including this one, the conclusions are obvious.
- For this example, the best result is the center-point composition; however, there is curvature and a still better response is likely somewhere in the vicinity of this point.
- To reduce the by-product content amount of 2.2%, more experimental trials are needed near this point to determine the process optimum.
- Diamond (1989) chose to consider the following additional trials.
- These points are spatially shown in Figure 33.8, where the lines decrease in magnitude of 0.05 for a variable from an initial proportion value of 1.0 at the apex.



**Regression for Mixtures: By-product(%) versus Methanol, Acetone, ...** 

Estimated Regression Coefficients for By-product(%) (component proportions)











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• Table 33.5 illustrates these trials and their rationales.

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33.7 Example 33.2: Simplex Lattice Mixture Experiment The results from these experimental trials are given in Table 33.6. • A plot of the data and an estimate of the response surface is shown in Figure 33.9. Trial Methanol Acetone TrichloroethyleneBy-product(%) 8  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$  3.3 9  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{4}$  4.8 10  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  1.4 11  $\frac{3}{8}$   $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{3}{8}$  1.2 12  $\frac{1}{3}$  1/<sub>3</sub>  $\frac{1}{3}$  1/<sub>3</sub> 2.4

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## 33.8 Simplex Lattice Designs for Exploring the Whole Simplex Region

- Consider the situation where a response is a function, not only of a mixture, but also of its process variables (e.g., cooking temperature and cooking time).
- For the situation where there are three components to a mixture and three process variables, the complete simplexcentroid design takes the form shown in Figure 33.10.

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## 33.8 Simplex Lattice Designs for Exploring the Whole Simplex Region

- In general, the number of experimental trial possibilities can get very large when there are many variable considerations.
- Comell and Gorman (1984) discuss fractional factorial design alternatives. Comell (1990) discusses the embedding of mixture experiments inside factorial experiments.
- Algorithm designs, discussed in Section 33.12, can also reduce the number of test trials.

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#### 33.9 Example 33.3: Mixture Experiment with Process Variables

- The data in Table 33.7 are the average of a replicated texture reading in kilogram force required to puncture fish patty surfaces (Comell 1981; Cornell and Gorman 1984: Gorman and Comell 1982) that were prepared under process conditions that had code values of -1 and +1 for
	- $z_1$ : cooking temperature (-1 = 375°F, +1 = 425°F)
	- $z_2$ : cooking time (-1 = 25 min, +1 = 40 min)
	- $z_3$ : deep fat frying time (-1 = 25 sec, +1 = 40 sec)
- The patty was composed of three types of fish that took on composition ratios of 0, 1/3, 1/2, or 1.
- The fish designations are
	- $x_1$  : mullet
	- $x_2$ : sheepshead
	- $x_3$ : croaker

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**Regression for Mixtures: Force versus x1, x2, x3, z1, z2, z3**  Estimated Regression Coefficients for Force (component

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# 33.9 Example 33.3: Mixture Experiment with Process Variables

- The desired range of fish texture (in the noted scaled units) for customer satisfaction is between 2.0 and 3.5. Other characteristics, not discussed here, were also considered in the actual experiment.
- A computer analysis of these data yielded the coefficient estimates shown in Table 33.8.

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- Various  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$ values are substituted to create a contour plot in a simplex coordinate system for each of the eight variable treatments.
- The shaded area in this figure shows when the desirable response range of 2.0 to 3.5 is achieved.
	- This figure illustrates that  $a z<sub>2</sub> = 1$  level (i.e., 40 min cooking time) is desirable.

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#### 33.9 Example 33.3: Mixture Experiment with Process Variables

- To maximize customer satisfaction, effort should be directed toward achieving the nominal criterion on the average with minimum variability between batches.
- It may be desirable to make the composition of the fish patty so that its sensitivity is minimized relative to deep fat frying time. To address this concern, it appears that a  $z_1 = -1$  level (i.e., 375°F cooking temperature) may be most desirable with a relative high concentration of mullet in the fish patty composition.
- Other considerations to take into consideration when determining the "best" composition and variable levels are economics (e.g.. cost of each type of fish) and other experimental output response surface plots (e.g., taste evaluation).

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- A chemist wishes to develop a floor wax product. The following range of proportions of three ingredients is under consideration along with the noted proportion percentage limitations. The response to this experiment takes on several values: level of shine, scuff resistance, and so forth.
	- Wax: 0-0.25 (i.e., 0%-25%)
	- Resin: 0-0.20 (i.e., 0%—20%)
	- Polymer: 0.70-0.90 (i.e., 70%-90%)
- Again, mixture experiment trial combinations are determined by using a simplex coordinate system. This relationship is noted in Figure 33.12, where the lines leaving a vertex decrease by a magnitude of 0.05 proportion from an initial proportion value of 1.

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#### 33.11 Example 33.4: Extreme Vertices Mixture Experiment

- The space of interest is noted by the polygon shown in the figure.
- Table 33.9 shows test trials for the vertices along with a center point.

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The logic used in Example 33.1 for follow-up experiments can similarly be applied to this problem in an attempt to optimize the process.

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#### 33.14 Additional Response Surface Design Considerations

- When no linear relationship exists between the regressors, they are said to be orthogonal.
- For these situations the following inferences can be made relatively easily:
	- Estimation and/or prediction.
	- Identification of relative effects of regressor variables.
	- Selection of a set of variables for the model.
- However, conclusions from the analysis of response surface designs may be misleading because of dependencies between the regressors.
- When near-linear dependencies exist between the regressors, multicollinearity is said to be prevalent.

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#### 33.14 Additional Response Surface Design Considerations

- Other books (e.g., Montgomery and Peck 1982) discuss diagnostic procedures for this problem (e.g., variance inflation factor) along with other procedures used to better understand the output from regression analyses (e.g., detecting influential observations).
- Additional textbook design alternatives to the central composite and Box-Behnken designs are discussed in Cornell (1984), Montgomery (1997), and Khuri and Comell (1987).
- "Algorithm" designs can also be applied to non-mixture problems, as discussed in B. Wheeler (1989), where, as previously noted, algorithm designs are "optimized" to fit a particular model (e.g., linear or quadratic) with a given set of factor considerations.