

Multiplicative Algorithm for computing Optimum Designs

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Objectives

- Determination of optimum designs is not a straightforward process, even for moderate examples.
- New schemes for developing iterative algorithms, based on the multiplicative algorithm (Torsney and Martín-Martín, 2009), devoted to the numerical construction of optimum designs are being sought.
- Provide experimenters with designs that would minimize the experimental cost of measurements while obtaining the most accurate characterization of the mechanisms.

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Consider the general **non-linear regression model**

$$y = \eta(x; \theta) + \varepsilon, \quad x \in \mathcal{X},$$

where the random variables ε are independent and normally distributed with zero mean and constant variance σ^2 and θ is the unknown parameter vector.

\mathcal{X} , called **design space**.

Let Ξ be the set of probability distributions on the Borel sets of \mathcal{X} , then any $\xi \in \Xi$ satisfying

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}} \xi(dx) = 1, \quad \xi(x_i) \geq 0, \quad x \in \mathcal{X},$$

is called a design measure, or an **approximate design**.

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The most common method for analyzing data from a non-linear model is based on the **use of the linear Taylor series approximation of the response surface**,

$$\eta(x; \theta) \approx \eta(x; \theta_0) + [\nabla \eta(x; \theta)|_{\theta_0}]^t (\theta - \theta_0),$$

where ∇ denotes the gradient with respect to θ and being θ_0 a prior value of θ .

The variance-covariance matrix of the least square estimator of θ is asymptotically approximated by the inverse of the **information matrix** induced by ξ ,

$$M(\xi, \theta) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \nabla \eta(x; \theta) [\nabla \eta(x; \theta)]^t d\xi(x).$$

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Let ϕ be a real-valued function defined on the $k \times k$ symmetric matrices and bounded above on $\{M(\xi, \theta) : \xi \in \Xi\}$.

The optimum design problem is concerned with finding ξ^* such that $\phi(M(\xi^*, \theta)) = \min_{\xi \in \Xi} \phi(M(\xi, \theta))$ which is called a **ϕ -optimum design**.

Caratheodory's theorem implies that for a model with k parameters, **a locally ϕ -optimum design supported at no more than $k(k + 1)/2 + 1$ points exists**.

For convenience, designs will be described using a two row matrix,

$$\xi = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_N \\ \xi_1 & \xi_2 & \dots & \xi_N \end{Bmatrix},$$

being ξ_1, \dots, ξ_N non negative real numbers which sum up to one.

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The D -**optimum** criterion minimizes the volume of the confidence ellipsoid of the parameters and is given by

$$\phi_D[M(\xi, \theta)] = \det\{M(\xi, \theta)\}^{-1/k},$$

where k is the number of parameters in the model.

It is known that this criterion is a convex and non-increasing function of the designs and so, designs with a small criterion value are desirable.

A design that minimizes ϕ_D over all the designs on \mathcal{X} is called a D -**optimum design**.

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Since the criterion is convex, standard convex analysis arguments using directional derivatives, when ϕ is differentiable, show that a design ξ^* is ϕ -optimum if and only if

$$F_{\phi} [M(\xi^*, \theta), M(\xi_{x_j}, \theta)] \equiv F_{\phi}(\xi^*, e_j) = d_j - \sum_{j=1}^N \xi_j^* d_j \geq 0,$$

with equality at the support points of ξ^* .

$M(\xi_{x_j}, \theta)$ is the Information Matrix for a single observation at the point x_j , e_j denotes the j -th unit vector in \mathbb{R}^N and $d_j = \partial\phi/\partial\xi_{x_j}$.

The General Equivalence Theorem states that the variance function evaluated using a ϕ -optimum design achieves its maximum value at the support points of this design.

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Numerical Approximation of Optimum Design

The purpose of experimental design is to select the design points x_1, \dots, x_N and the corresponding weights ξ_1, \dots, ξ_N so that the design ξ is optimum for some criterion, ϕ .

A simple case is the determination of the best N -point ϕ -optimum design. Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N be its support points, $x_i \in \mathcal{X} = [a, b]$.

Let:

$$W_h = \frac{x_h - x_{h-1}}{b - a}, \quad h = 1, \dots, N + 1,$$

where $x_0 = a$ and $x_{N+1} = b$. The variables W_h satisfy

$$W_h \geq 0, \quad \sum_{h=1}^{N+1} W_h = 1.$$

Transformation was proposed by Torsney and Martín-Martín (2009).

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Thus, we have an example of the following type of optimization problem:

Minimize a criterion $\phi(W, \xi)$ over

$$\mathfrak{P} = \{W = (W_1, \dots, W_{N+1}), \xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N) :$$

$$W_h \geq 0, \sum_{h=1}^{N+1} W_h = 1 \text{ and } \xi_j \geq 0, \sum_{j=1}^N \xi_j = 1\}.$$

Then the following simultaneous approaches are used

$$W_h^{(r+1)} = \frac{W_h^{(r)} g(F_h^{(r)}, \delta_1)}{\sum_{t=1}^{N+1} W_t^{(r)} g(F_t^{(r)}, \delta_1)}, \quad \xi_j^{(r+1)} = \frac{\xi_j^{(r)} g(F_j^{(r)}, \delta_2)}{\sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i^{(r)} g(F_i^{(r)}, \delta_2)}$$

where $r = 0, 1, \dots$ is the iteration number, $g(F_h, \delta_1)$ and $g(F_j, \delta_2)$, are positive increasing, and if $\delta = 0$, $g(F, \delta)$ are constants.

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Being F_j and F_h the vertex directional derivatives:

$$F_h = F_\phi(W, e_h) = d_h - \sum W_h d_h, \quad d_h = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial W_h},$$
$$F_j = F_\phi(\xi, e_j) = d_j - \sum \xi_j d_j, \quad d_j = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi_j}.$$

Therefore if ϕ is a convex and differentiable function a design ξ^* will be optimum if and only if,

$$F_h^* = F_\phi(W^*, e_h) = \begin{cases} = 0, & \text{for } W_h^* > 0 \\ \geq 0 & \text{for } W_h^* = 0, \end{cases}$$
$$F_j^* = F_\phi(\xi^*, e_j) = \begin{cases} = 0, & \text{for } \xi^*(x_j) > 0 \\ \geq 0 & \text{for } \xi^*(x_j) = 0. \end{cases}$$

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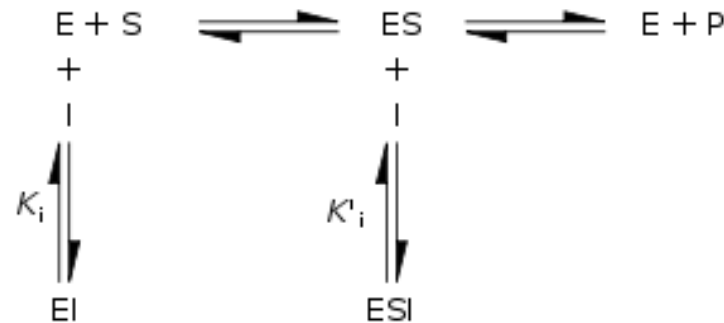
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Searching for optimally designed experiments with more than one independent factor is more complicated than for models with a single factor.

- Enzyme Inhibition.
- Pressure, Volume and Temperature measurements.

Enzyme Inhibition

Enzyme kinetics is the study of the chemical reactions that are catalyzed by enzymes, with a focus on their reaction rates.



The binding of an inhibitor can stop a substrate from entering the enzyme's active site and/or hinder the enzyme from catalyzing its reaction. Inhibitor binding is either reversible or irreversible.

Enzyme assays are laboratory procedures that measure the rate of enzyme reactions.

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This kinetic model is relevant to situations where very simple kinetics can be assumed, (i.e. there is no intermediate or product inhibition).

$$V = \frac{V_{max} [S]}{K_M \left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K_i}\right) + [S] \left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K'_i}\right)}$$

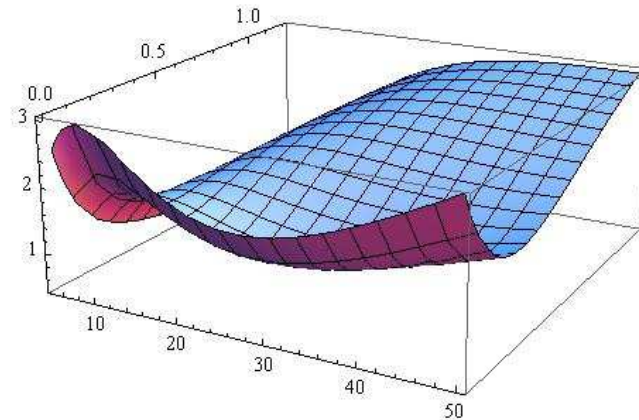
- Competitive inhibitors can bind to E, but not to ES.
- Non-competitive inhibitors have identical affinities for E and ES ($K_i = K'_i$).
- Mixed-type inhibitors bind to both E and ES, but their affinities for these two forms of the enzyme are different ($K_i \neq K'_i$).

Unknown parameters $\theta = (V_{max}, K_M, K_i, K'_i)$.

Enzyme Inhibition

Example: Considering Polifenol Oxidasa as enzyme, 4-Metylcatecol as substrate and Cianimic acid as a competitive inhibitor, $S \times I = [5, 50] \times [0, 1.2] \mu M$ and $\theta_0 = (V, K_m, K_i) = (131.4, 12.5, 0.42)$.

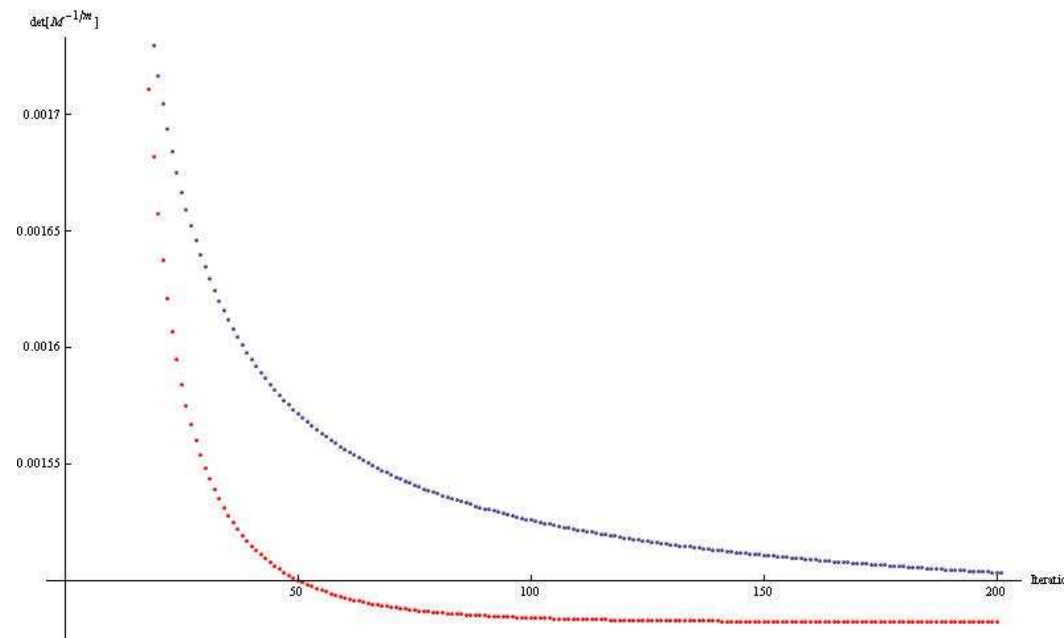
$$\xi_D^* = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} (8.33, 0) & (48, 26, 1.2) & (50, 0) \\ 0.33 & 0.33 & 0.33 \end{array} \right\}.$$



Enzyme Inhibition

D-optima designs for these type of models have been analytically computed by Bogacka et al. (2011).

Comparison of convergence rate of the Multiplicative Algorithm (red) with Wynn-Fedorov Algorithm (blue) have been obtained:



pVT Measurements

The characterization of volume or density as a function of temperature and pressure is particularly important for the design of industrial plants, pipelines and pumps.

In order to correlate the density values over the temperature and pressure intervals, the following **Tait-like equation** is used,

$$\mathbf{E}(\rho) = \eta(p, T; \theta) = \frac{\rho_0(T)}{1 - C(T) \log \frac{B(T)+p}{B(T)+p_0}}, \quad \text{var}(\rho) = \sigma^2.$$

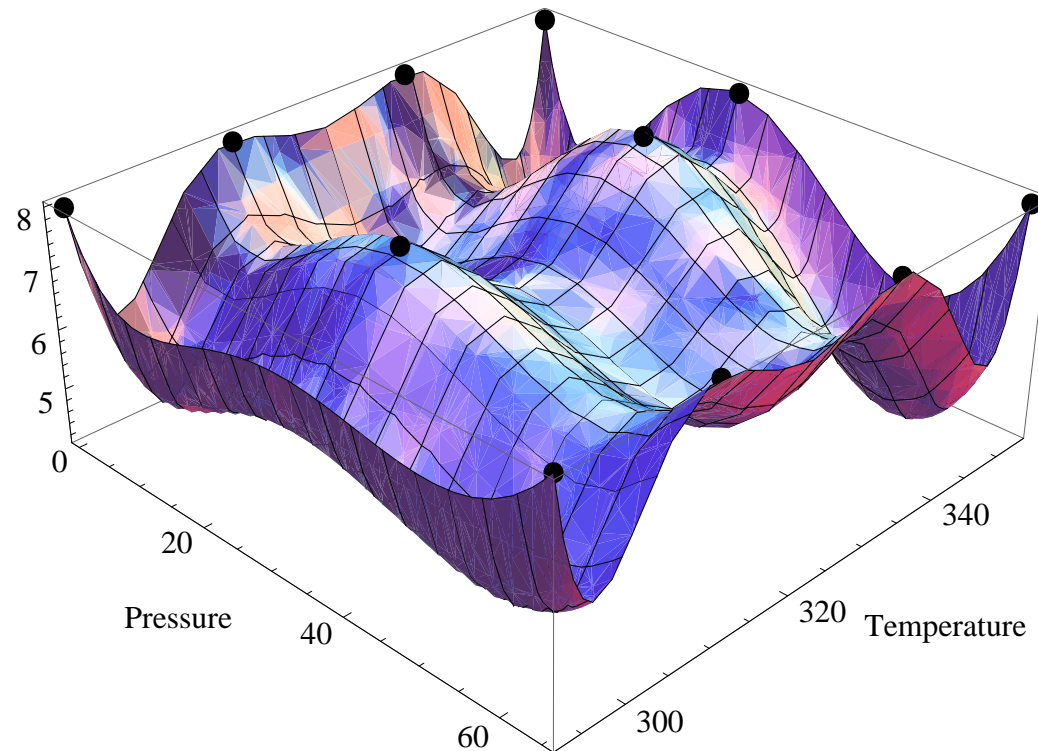
$\rho_0(T)$ is either a linear function of the required degree or a non-linear function, known as Rackett equation. $B(T)$ and $C(T)$ are linear functions.

$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{T}$, where \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{T} are permissible ranges of values for p and T . Being $\theta^t = (A_0, \dots, B_0, \dots, C_0, \dots)$ the set of unknown parameters.

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Example: In order to characterize changes of density of 1-phenylundecane.

$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{T} = [0.1, 65] MPa \times [293.15, 353, 15] K$ and the set of best guesses of the parameters are obtained from Milhet et al. (2005), $\theta_0 = (A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3, B_0, B_1, B_2, C)^t$.



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The obtained design, ξ_D^* is supported at 11 points with different proportions of observations for each point. In this case, 8 of the support points lie at the boundaries of the design space \mathcal{X} , while two of them belong to its interior.

$$\xi_D^* = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (0.1, 293.15) & 0.12 \\ (0.1, 311.99) & 0.07 \\ (0.1, 333.55) & 0.10 \\ (0.1, 353.15) & 0.12 \\ \mathbf{(28.58, 308.91)} & 0.05 \\ \mathbf{(28.58, 339.50)} & 0.07 \\ (28.58, 353.15) & 0.07 \\ (65, 293.15) & 0.12 \\ (65, 311.61) & 0.07 \\ (65, 334.53) & 0.09 \\ (65, 353.15) & 0.12 \end{array} \right\}^t .$$

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Example: In the work of Outcalt and Laesecke (2010), measurements are taken over JP-10. Because of its high thermal stability, high energy density, low cost, and widespread availability, JP-10 is being investigated as a fuel to be used in pulse-detonation engines.

In this case the dependence of ρ_0 is characterized by the Racket equation:

$$\rho_0(T) = A_R / B_R^{[1+(1-(T/C_R))^{D_R}]}$$

Measurements are taken over

$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{T} = [0.083, 30] MPa \times [270, 470] K$ and the set of best guesses are obtained from Outcalt and Laesecke (2010), $\theta_0 = (A_R, B_R, C_R, D_R, B_0, B_1, B_2, C)^t$.

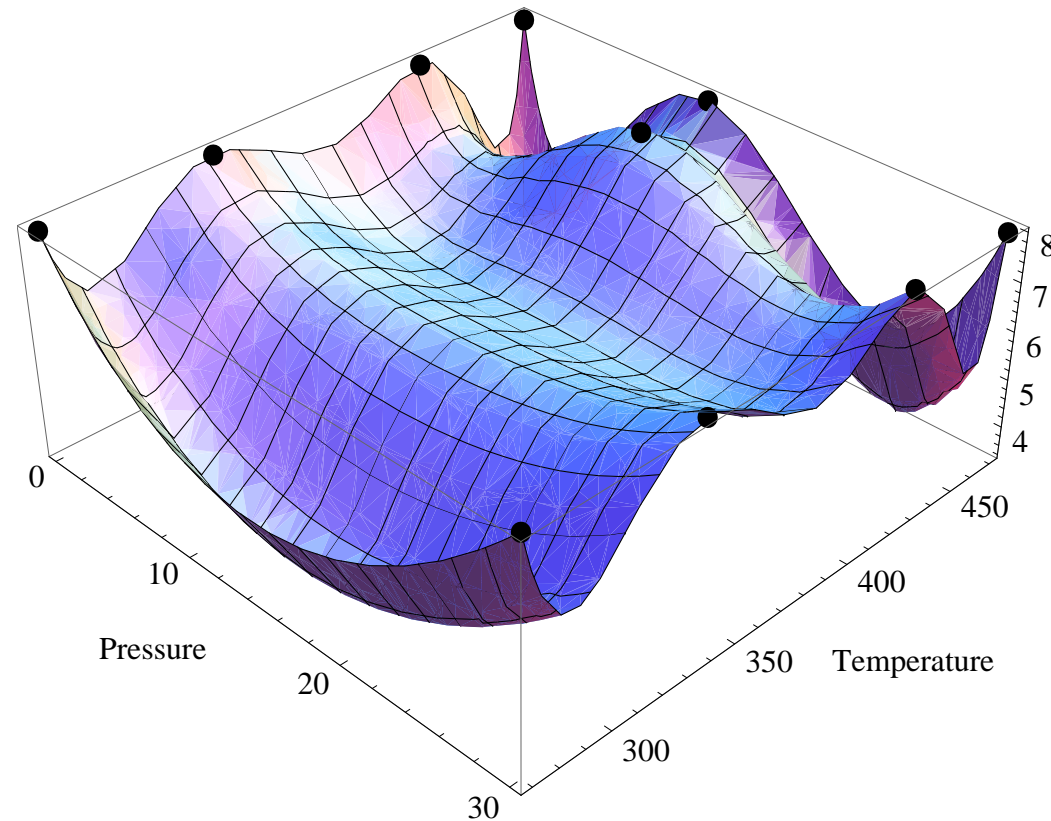
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The obtained design, ξ_D^* is supported at 10 points with different proportions of observations for each point. 9 of the support points lie in the boundary while only one is in the interior of \mathcal{X} .

$$\xi_D^* = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (0.083, 270) & 0.11 \\ (0.083, 334.95) & 0.08 \\ (0.083, 421.72) & 0.12 \\ (0.083, 470) & 0.12 \\ \mathbf{(12.51, 439.1)} & 0.02 \\ (12.60, 470) & 0.12 \\ (30, 270) & 0.11 \\ (30, 337.94) & 0.09 \\ (30, 425.91) & 0.11 \\ (30, 470) & 0.12 \end{array} \right\}^t \cdot$$

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The Equivalence Theorem proves D -optimality of the design. Figure shows the attainment of equality to $k = 8$ at the support points.



pVT Measurements

For the extension of the multiplicative algorithm to a two-factor non-linear model, the transformation of **pressure values**, p_i , $i = 1, \dots, N$, into a marginal distribution or set of weights W_{p_h} , $h = 1, \dots, N + 1$, is proposed.

Then, **the corresponding temperatures** T paired with each value p_i , $T_{s|p_i}$, $s = 1, \dots, q$, are transformed into a conditional distribution $W_{T_s|p_i}$, $s = 1, \dots, q$.

On the other hand, **design weights** need to be simultaneously determined. These conditional and marginal distributions must be optimally chosen.

According to Caratheodory's theorem we initially assume $k(k + 1)/2 + 1$ support points. The optimization problem can be stated as a problem with respect to $N + 2$ **distributions**.

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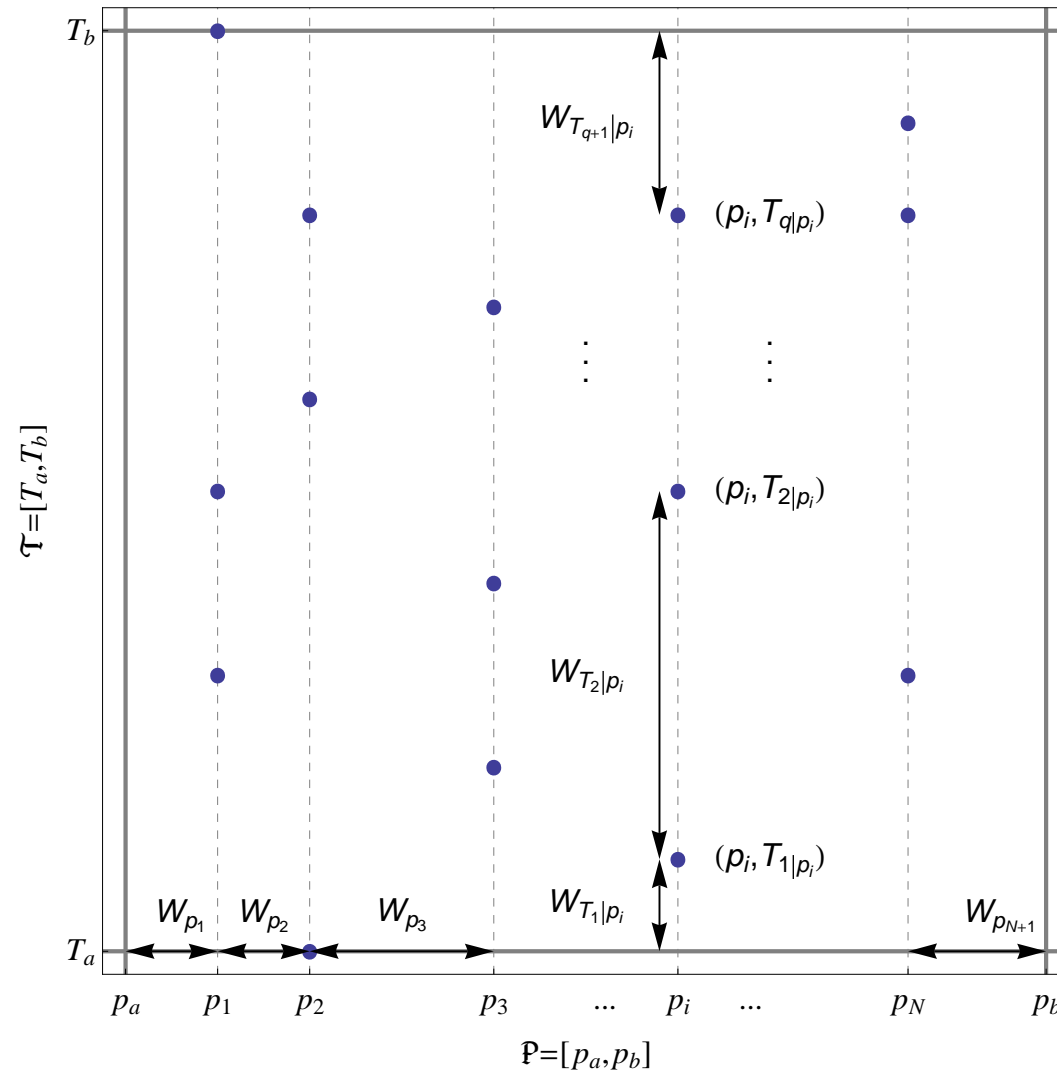
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This leads to the following simultaneous multiplicative iterations,

$$W_{p_h}^{(r+1)} = \frac{W_{p_h}^{(r)} g(F_{p_h}^{(r)}, \delta_1)}{\sum_{j=1}^{N+1} W_{p_j}^{(r)} g(F_{p_j}^{(r)}, \delta_1)}, \quad h = 1, \dots, N + 1,$$

$$W_{T_s|p_i}^{(r+1)} = \frac{W_{T_s|p_i}^{(r)} g(F_{T_s|p_i}^{(r)}, \delta_2)}{\sum_{l=1}^{q+1} W_{T_l|p_i}^{(r)} g(F_{T_l|p_i}^{(r)}, \delta_2)}, \quad s = 1, \dots, q + 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

$$\xi_t^{(r+1)} = \frac{\xi_t^{(r)} g(F_t^{(r)}, \delta_3)}{\sum_{i=1}^{qN} \xi_i^{(r)} g(F_i^{(r)}, \delta_3)}, \quad t = 1, \dots, qN,$$

where $g(F, \delta) = \Phi(\delta F)$, and $F_p, F_{T|p}, F_t$ are the vertex directional derivatives.

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Atkinson and Fedorov (1975a,b) introduced the so called **T-optimality** criterion which has an interesting statistical interpretation as the power of a test for the fit of a second model when the other is considered as the true model.

Usually there is no closed form for the T-optimum design and it must be computed through an iterative procedure.

Discriminating between models

Let us assume that the function $\eta(x_i, \theta)$ coincides with either $\eta_1(x, \theta_1)$ or $\eta_2(x, \theta_2)$ partially known functions where $\theta_1 \in \Omega_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^{m_1}$ and $\theta_2 \in \Omega_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^{m_2}$ are the unknown parameter vectors.

Let us assume that $\eta(x, \theta) = \eta_1(x, \theta_1)$ is the true model of the process with parameters θ_1 known and η_2 is the rival model.

Atkinson and Fedorov (1975a,b) introduced the notion of T -optimality.

$$T_{21}(\xi) = \min_{\theta_2 \in \Omega_2} \sum_{x_i \in \chi} [\eta(x_i, \theta) - \eta_2(x_i, \theta_2)]^2 \xi(x_i).$$

The design ξ^* which maximizes $T_{21}(\xi)$ is called the T -optimal design.

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A design for which the optimization problem

$$\hat{\theta}_2 \equiv \arg \min_{\theta_2 \in \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^k [\eta(x_i) - \eta_2(x_i, \theta_2)]^2 \xi_i$$

has no unique solution is a singular design, otherwise is called regular.

For regular designs the Equivalence Theorem is applicable with the implication: a design ξ^* is T -optimal if and only if,

$$F_j(\xi) = [\eta(x_j, \theta) - \eta_2(x_j, \hat{\theta}_2)]^2 - \sum_{i=1}^k [\eta(x_i, \theta) - \eta_2(x_i, \theta_2)]^2 \xi_i \leq 0,$$

with equality at the support points.

Atkinson-Fedorov Algorithm

Based on the Equivalence Theorem Atkinson and Fedorov (1975a,b) provided the following algorithm:

- For a given initial design $\xi_k^{(0)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} x_1 & \dots & x_k \\ \xi_1 & \dots & \xi_k \end{array} \right\}$
determine

$$\hat{\theta}_2 = \arg \min_{\theta_2 \in \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^k [\eta(x_i) - \eta_2(x_i, \theta_2)]^2 \xi_i$$

- Find the point

$$x_{k+1} = \arg \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} [\eta(x) - \eta_2(x, \hat{\theta}_2)]^2$$

Atkinson-Fedorov Algorithm

- Let $\xi_{x_{k+1}}$ be a design with measure concentrated at the single point x_{k+1} ,

$$\xi_{x_{k+1}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} x_{k+1} \\ 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

A new design is constructed in the following way:

$$\xi_{k+1} = (1 - \alpha_{k+1})\xi_k + \alpha_{k+1}\xi_{x_{k+1}}$$

where typical conditions for the sequence $\{\alpha_k\}$ are $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k = 0$, $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k = \infty$, $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k^2 < \infty$.

In our work $\alpha_s = 1/(s + 1)$ has been used.

Multiplicative Algorithm

Assuming that each ξ is regular, i.e. $\Omega_2(\xi) = \hat{\theta}_2$, this first optimization problem was solved using a quasi-Newton algorithm through the FORTRAN IMLS routine DBCONF.

Then we wish to choose a design ξ optimally, that is, we wish to determine both the support points and the design weights optimally

$$\xi^* = \arg \max_{(x, \xi(x))} \sum_{x_i \in \mathcal{X}} [\eta(x_i, \theta) - \eta_2(x_i, \hat{\theta}_2)]^2 \xi(x_i) = \arg \max_{(x, \xi(x))} T_{\hat{\theta}_2}(\xi).$$

In this case, the equivalence theorem says nothing about the number of support points of an optimal design. We consider designs with L support points, x_1, \dots, x_L , where L is an appropriate number for each problem.

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Let

$$W_t = \frac{x_t - x_{t-1}}{b - a} \quad t = 1, \dots, L + 1$$

where $x_0 = a$ and $x_{L+1} = b$. We have transformed from L variables to $L + 1$ variables, but these must satisfy $W_t \geq 0$ and $\sum_t W_t = 1$.

As in Torsney and Martín-Martín (2009) we have an optimization problem with respect to two distributions one defined by the design points and one defined by the design weights.

Multiplicative Algorithm

The multiplicative algorithm extends naturally to the two simultaneous multiplicative iterations:

$$W_t^{(r+1)} = \frac{W_t^{(r)} g(F_t^{(r)}, \delta_1)}{\sum_{h=1}^{L+1} W_h^{(r)} g(F_h^{(r)}, \delta_1)}$$
$$\xi_j^{(r+1)} = \frac{\xi_j^{(r)} g(F_j^{(r)}, \delta_2)}{\sum_{i=1}^L \xi_i^{(r)} g(F_i^{(r)}, \delta_2)}$$

Being F_j and F_h the vertex directional derivatives of T_{21} at W and ξ :

$$F_h = F_{T_{21}}(W, e_h) = d_h - \sum W_h d_h$$

$$F_j = F_{T_{21}}(\xi, e_j) = d_j - \sum \xi_j d_j$$

Where $d_h = \frac{\partial T_{21}}{\partial W_h}$ and $d_j = \frac{\partial T_{21}}{\partial \xi_j}$.

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The same first order conditions for a local maximum are used:

$$F_h^* = F_{T_{21}}(W_h^*, e_h) = \begin{cases} = 0, & \text{for } W_h^* > 0 \\ \geq 0, & \text{for } W_h^* = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$F_j^* = F_{T_{21}}(\xi_j^*, e_j) = \begin{cases} = 0, & \text{for } \xi_j^* > 0 \\ \geq 0, & \text{for } \xi_j^* = 0 \end{cases}$$

Adsorption Isotherms

The modeling of the adsorption phenomena in many chemical and industrial processes has proved to be of great interest.

The two models used in the literature to describe the relationship between the amount of gas or **water adsorbed**, w_e , in terms of **water activity** a_w for multilayer adsorption phenomena are the Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) model and the extension known as Guggenheim-Anderson-de Boer (GAB) model.

$$\text{BET model: } E[w_e] = \frac{w_{mB}c_B a_w}{(1 - a_w)(1 + (c_B - 1)a_w)},$$

$$\text{unknown parameters: } \theta_B^t = (w_{mB}, c_B).$$

$$\text{GAB model: } E[w_e] = \frac{w_{mG}c_G k a_w}{(1 - k a_w)(1 + (c_G - 1)k a_w)}$$

$$\text{unknown parameters: } \theta_G^t = (w_{mG}, c_G, k).$$

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Cepeda et al. (1999) studied water sorption behavior of coffee for predicting hygroscopic properties as well as designing units for its optimum preservation, storage, etc.

The results at 25 C⁰ for the GAB adsorption isotherm were $w_{mG} = 0.03445$ g of H₂O adsorbed/g of coffee, $c_G = 11.70$ and $k = 0.994$.

Adsorption Isotherms

Rodríguez-Aragón and López-Fidalgo (2007) provided the T-optimal design considering the GAB model as the true model using the Atkinson-Fedorov algorithm.

After 182 iterations of the algorithm, a design supported at three experimental points was obtained, with a lower efficiency bound of 0.998.

$$\xi^* = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.056 & 0.62 & 0.8 \\ 0.150 & 0.57 & 0.28 \end{Bmatrix}$$

For the same problem the new approach was applied. After 129 iterations of this algorithm, the T-optimum design was obtained, with a lower efficiency bound of 0.998.

Results Discussion

- Advantages of computing optima designs with the Multiplicative Algorithm:
 - ❖ Effectiveness to compute D –optimum designs for multifactor models.
 - ❖ T –optimization with simpler computations.
- Locally optimum designs: designs depend on the initial best guesses of the parameters.
- Open issues: Choice of function g and constants δ , Torsney and Mandal (2006).
- Possibility of computing $\hat{\theta}_2$ using the multiplicative algorithm.

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