

# A note on mixed level supersaturated designs

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we consider mixed level supersaturated designs which are optimal with respect to the average  $\chi^2$  statistic criterion of Yamada, Lin and Yausnari [3]. We propose a lower bound of the average  $\chi^2$  statistic of a design and show a property which indicates a construction method of optimal designs.

Our results are extensions of that in the paper [2] by Tang and Wu on two-level supersaturated designs.

## 2. Notations and Definitions

Throughout this paper, we consider mixed level supersaturated designs with  $n$  runs. For any  $S \subseteq R^n$ ,  $\text{spn}(S)$  denotes the linear subspace spanned by  $S$ . The inner product of two vectors  $\mathbf{d}$  and  $\mathbf{d}'$  are denoted by  $\langle \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{d}' \rangle$ .

We define the following families:

$$\mathcal{D}_p^n \equiv \{\mathbf{d} \in \{0, 1\}^n \mid d_1 + \dots + d_n = n/p\}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_p^n \equiv \{\{\mathbf{d}_1, \dots, \mathbf{d}_p\} \subseteq \mathcal{D}_p^n \mid \sum_{r=1}^p \mathbf{d}_r = \mathbf{1}\}$$

$$\mathcal{M}^n \equiv \mathcal{M}_1^n \cup \mathcal{M}_2^n \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{M}_n^n.$$

Any element  $M$  in  $\mathcal{M}^n$  is called a *column* and  $p(M)$  denotes the integer  $p$  satisfying  $M \in \mathcal{M}_p^n$ . A multiset of columns is called a (*mixed level*) *design*. For any pair of columns  $(M, M') \in \mathcal{M}_p^n \times \mathcal{M}_{p'}^n$ ,  $\chi^2(M, M')$  denotes the value

$$\sum_{\mathbf{d} \in M} \sum_{\mathbf{d}' \in M'} \left( \langle \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{d}' \rangle - \frac{n}{pp'} \right)^2 / \left( \frac{n}{pp'} \right).$$

For any design  $\mathcal{F} = \{M^1, M^2, \dots, M^q\}$ ,  $\chi^2(\mathcal{F}) \equiv \sum \{\chi^2(M^r, M^s) \mid 1 \leq r < s \leq q\}$ .

When the design  $\mathcal{F}$  consists of two-level columns,  $\chi^2(\mathcal{F})$  is equivalent to the average squared inner products of  $\mathcal{F}$  defined by Booth and Cox [1].

The linear subspace  $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{x} = 0\}$  is denoted by  $H$ . For any vector  $\mathbf{d} \in \mathcal{D}_p^n$ , we denote  $\mathbf{d} - (1/p)\mathbf{1}$  by  $\bar{\mathbf{d}}$ . For any column  $M \in \mathcal{M}^n$ , we denote the vector set  $\{\bar{\mathbf{d}} \mid \mathbf{d} \in M\}$  by  $\bar{M}$ .

Clearly from the definition, we have the following.

**Lemma 1** For any pair  $(M, M') \in \mathcal{M}_p^n \times \mathcal{M}_{p'}^n$ ,  $\chi^2(M, M') = (pp'/n) \sum_{\mathbf{d} \in M} \sum_{\mathbf{d}' \in M'} \langle \bar{\mathbf{d}}, \bar{\mathbf{d}}' \rangle^2$ .

## 3. Orthogonal Designs

When a mixed level design  $\mathcal{F} = \{M^1, M^2, \dots, M^q\}$  satisfies the conditions that  $1 \leq \forall r < \forall s \leq q$ ,  $\chi^2(M^r, M^s) = 0$ , we say that  $\mathcal{F}$  is *orthogonal*. An orthogonal design  $\mathcal{F} = \{M^1, M^2, \dots, M^q\}$  satisfying  $\dim(\bar{M}^1 \cup \bar{M}^2 \cup \dots \cup \bar{M}^q) = n - 1$  is called an *orthogonal base*.

The following theorem provides an upper bound of the number of columns of an orthogonal design.

**Theorem 1** Any orthogonal design  $\mathcal{F} = \{M^1, M^2, \dots, M^q\}$  satisfies the inequality

$$\sum_{r=1}^q (p(M^r) - 1) \leq n - 1.$$

*Proof.* From the definition,  $\text{spn}(\bar{M}^r) \subseteq H$ . When  $r \neq s$ , the orthogonality implies that  $\text{spn}(\bar{M}^r) \perp \text{spn}(\bar{M}^s)$ . Thus, we have the inequality. //

When a given design is an orthogonal base, then the above equality holds. A mixed level design which violates the above formula is called a *supersaturated* design.

#### 4. Lower Bound Theorem

The following theorem gives a lower bound of the average  $\chi^2$  statistic.

**Theorem 2** Any design  $\mathcal{F} = \{M^1, \dots, M^q\}$  satisfies  $\chi^2(\mathcal{F}) \geq (1/2)v(v-1)n(n-1)$  where  $v = (\sum_{r=1}^q (p(M^r) - 1))/(n-1)$ .

Outline of a proof. For any index  $r$ , we denote  $p(M^r)$  by  $p_r$ ,  $M^r$  by  $\{\mathbf{d}_1^r, \mathbf{d}_2^r, \dots, \mathbf{d}_{p_r}^r\}$  and  $p_1 + \dots + p_q$  by  $p^*$ . Let  $X$  be an  $n \times p^*$  matrix defined by  $X = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_q]$  where  $X_r = [\sqrt{p_r}\mathbf{d}_1^r, \sqrt{p_r}\mathbf{d}_2^r, \dots, \sqrt{p_r}\mathbf{d}_{p_r}^r]$ . We denote the positive semidefinite matrix  $X^t X$  by  $Y$  and the ordered eigenvalues of  $Y$  by  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_{p^*} \geq 0$ . Since the rank of  $Y$  is less than or equal to  $n-1$ , we have  $\lambda_n = \lambda_{n+1} = \dots = \lambda_{p^*} = 0$ .

Since  $Y$  is symmetric, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_{n-1}^2 &= \text{tr}(Y^t Y) \\ &= 2n \sum_{1 \leq r < s \leq q} \chi^2(M^r, M^s) + n^2 v(n-1) \\ &= 2n \chi^2(\mathcal{F}) + n^2 v(n-1). \end{aligned}$$

A lower bound of  $\lambda_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_{n-1}^2$  is obtained as the optimal value of the convex quadratic programming problem;

$$\begin{aligned} \text{QP: min.} \quad & \lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_{n-1}^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_{n-1} = \text{tr}(Y). \end{aligned}$$

Definition of  $Y$  implies that  $\text{tr}(Y) = \sum_{r=1}^q n(p_r - 1) = nv(n-1)$ . The optimal value of QP is equal to  $(nv)^2(n-1)$ . The above results imply the desired inequality.//

#### 5. $\chi^2$ -Optimal Supersaturated Designs

Lastly, we consider the properties of mixed level supersaturated designs which

attains the lower bound obtained in the previous section:

**Lemma 2** For any column  $M \in \mathcal{M}^n$ , every vector  $\mathbf{f} \in \text{spn}(\overline{M})$  satisfies

$$\sum_{\mathbf{d} \in M} \langle \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{f} \rangle \mathbf{d} = \frac{n}{p(M)} \mathbf{f}.$$

**Lemma 3** For any orthogonal base  $\mathcal{F} = \{M^1, M^2, \dots, M^q\}$ , every column  $M \in \mathcal{M}^n$  satisfies the equality

$$\sum_{r=1}^q \chi^2(M, M^r) = n(p(M) - 1).$$

**Theorem 3** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a design and  $\{\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2, \dots, \mathcal{F}_v\}$  a partition of  $\mathcal{F}$  such that each member of the partition is an orthogonal base. Then we have the equality  $\chi^2(\mathcal{F}) = (1/2)n(n-1)v(v-1)$ .

Above theorem indicates that we can obtain a  $\chi^2$ -optimal mixed level super saturated design by merging orthogonal bases.

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