TMA4267 Linear Statistical Models Part 4: Design of Experiments (DOE) Solutions to recommended exercise 6 - V2017

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Problem 1: Exam V2015, Problem 2

a) The least squares estimator of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is in general $(X^{\mathrm{T}}X)^{-1}X^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{Y}$. Since the columns of X are orthogonal, $X^{\mathrm{T}}X$ is diagonal with $\boldsymbol{x}_{j}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_{j}$ as entry (j, j), where \boldsymbol{x}_{j} denotes the *j*th column of X. So $(X^{\mathrm{T}}X)^{-1}$ is diagonal with $1/(\boldsymbol{x}_{j}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_{j})$ as entry (j, j). The *j*th row of $(X^{\mathrm{T}}X)^{-1}X^{\mathrm{T}}$ is then $\boldsymbol{x}_{j}^{\mathrm{T}}/(\boldsymbol{x}_{j}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_{j})$, and the *j*th entry of the estimator $\boldsymbol{x}_{j}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{Y}/(\boldsymbol{x}_{j}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_{j})$.

b) The interaction vector is $(1 - 1 - 1 1)^{T}$. By the above, the coefficient estimate is $(1 - 1 - 1 1)(6 \ 4 \ 10 \ 7)^{T}/4 = (6 - 4 - 10 + 7)/4 = -1/4$. The estimate of the effect is $2 \cdot (-1/4) = -1/2$.

Problem 2: Factorial experiments

a)

```
> library(FrF2)
> plan <- FrF2(nruns=16,nfactors=4,randomize=FALSE)</pre>
creating full factorial with 16 runs ...
> plan
   A B C D
  -1 -1 -1 -1
1
   1 -1 -1 -1
2
3
  -1 1 -1 -1
4
  1
      1 -1 -1
5 -1 -1 1 -1
6
  1 -1 1 -1
7 -1 1 1 -1
8
  1 1 1 -1
9 -1 -1 -1 1
10 1 -1 -1 1
11 -1 1 -1 1
12 1 1 -1 1
13 -1 -1 1 1
14 1 -1 1 1
15 -1 1 1 1
16\quad 1\quad 1\quad 1\quad 1
class=design, type= full factorial
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> y <- c(14.6,24.8,12.3,20.1,13.8,22.3,12.0,20.0,16.3,23.7,13.5,19.4,11.3,23.6,11.2,21.8) > plan <- add.response(plan,y)</pre> > plan A B C D у 1 -1 -1 -1 -1 14.6 2 1 -1 -1 -1 24.8 3 -1 1 -1 -1 12.3 4 1 1 -1 -1 20.1 5 -1 -1 1 -1 13.8 1 -1 1 -1 22.3 6 7 -1 1 1 -1 12.0 1 1 1 -1 20.0 8 9 -1 -1 -1 1 16.3 10 1 -1 -1 1 23.7 11 -1 1 -1 1 13.5 12 1 1 -1 1 19.4 13 -1 -1 1 1 11.3 14 1 -1 1 1 23.6 15 -1 1 1 1 11.2 16 1 1 1 1 21.8 class=design, type= full factorial > lm4 <- lm(y~(.)^4,data=plan)</pre> > effects <- 2*lm4\$coeff</pre> > summary(lm4) Call: lm.default(formula = y ~ (.)^4, data = plan) Residuals: ALL 16 residuals are 0: no residual degrees of freedom! Coefficients: Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) (Intercept) 17.54375 NA NA NA NA NA A1 4.41875 NA B1 -1.25625 NA NA NA C1 -0.54375 NA NA NA 0.05625 NA D1 NA NA A1:B1 -0.38125 NA NA NA A1:C1 0.50625 NA NA NA A1:D1 0.10625 NA NA NA B1:C1 0.50625 NA NA NA NA NA B1:D1 0.13125 NA NA C1:D1 -0.08125 NA ΝA NA A1:B1:C1 0.10625 NA ΝA A1:B1:D1 NA -0.01875 NA NA A1:C1:D1 0.69375 NA NA NA 0.14375 B1:C1:D1 NA NA NA A1:B1:C1:D1 -0.13125 NA NA NA Residual standard error: NaN on O degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 1,Adjusted R-squared: NaN F-statistic: NaN on 15 and 0 DF, p-value: NA > anova(lm4) # to see the seqSS mentioned in the solutions to d) Analysis of Variance Table Response: y Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F) А 1 312.406 312.406 В 1 25.251 25.251

C	1	4.731	4.731
D	1	0.051	0.051
A:B	1	2.326	2.326
A:C	1	4.101	4.101
A:D	1	0.181	0.181
B:C	1	4.101	4.101
B:D	1	0.276	0.276
C:D	1	0.106	0.106
A:B:C	1	0.181	0.181
A:B:D	1	0.006	0.006
A:C:D	1	7.701	7.701
B:C:D	1	0.331	0.331
A:B:C:D	1	0.276	0.276
Residuals	0	0.000	

Warning message: In anova.lm(lm4) :

ANOVA F-tests on an essentially perfect fit are unreliable

- > DanielPlot(lm4)
- > barplot(sort(abs(effects[-1]),decreasing=FALSE),las=1,horiz=TRUE)
- > MEPlot(lm4)
- > IAPlot(lm4)

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Normal Plot for y, alpha=0.05



Interaction plot matrix for y



$$\hat{A} = 8.84$$
$$\hat{B} = -2.51$$
$$\hat{C} = -1.09$$
$$\hat{D} = 0.11$$
$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$
$$\widehat{ABCD} = -0.262$$

From the Pareto and Daniel plots it looks like A and B are the most important factors.

b) The corresponding regression model is

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 z_1 + \beta_2 z_2 + \beta_3 z_3 + \beta_4 z_4 \tag{1}$$

$$+\beta_{12}z_1z_2 + \beta_{13}z_1z_3 + \beta_{14}z_1z_4 \tag{2}$$

$$+\beta_{23}z_{2}z_{3} + \beta_{24}z_{2}z_{4} + \beta_{34}z_{3}z_{4}$$
(3)

$$+\beta_{123}z_1z_2z_3 + \beta_{124}z_1z_2z_4 + \beta_{134}z_1z_3z_4 \tag{4}$$

$$+\beta_{234}z_2z_3z_4 + \beta_{1234}z_1z_2z_3z_4 + \epsilon \tag{5}$$

And the estimated effects are of the kind

$$\hat{A} = 2\hat{\beta}_1 \tag{6}$$

where $\hat{\beta}_1$ is the least squares estimator of β_1 . Same goes for the other effects.

c) In the analysis in a) we have 16 equations and 16 coefficients to estimate. Therefore there are no degrees of freedom left to estimate the variance. If we assume that the variance is known it is possible to make inference about the effects. For factor A we have:

$$\hat{A} = \frac{1}{8} (-Y_1 + Y_2 - \dots - Y_{15} + Y_{16}) \\ \operatorname{Var}(\hat{A}) = \frac{1}{64} 16\sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{4}$$
 $\} \Rightarrow \hat{A} \sim N\left(\mu_A, \frac{\sigma^2}{4}\right)$

95 % confidence interval for μ_A :

$$\hat{A} \pm z_{0.025} \frac{\sigma}{2} = (6.88, 10.80)$$

95 % confidence interval for μ_B :

$$\hat{B} \pm z_{0.025} \frac{\sigma}{2} = (-4.47, -0.5)$$

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> nruns <- 16
> sigma <- 2
> sigmaeff <- sqrt(4*sigma^2/nruns)
> sigmaeff
[1] 1
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> CIefflower	c <- effe	ects-1.96*si	igmaeff						
<pre>> CIeffupper <- effects+1.96*sigmaeff</pre>									
<pre>> cbind(effects,Clefflower,Cleffupper)</pre>									
	effects	CIefflower	CIeffupper						
(Intercept)	35.0875	33.1275	37.0475						
A1	8.8375	6.8775	10.7975						
B1	-2.5125	-4.4725	-0.5525						
C1	-1.0875	-3.0475	0.8725						
D1	0.1125	-1.8475	2.0725						
A1:B1	-0.7625	-2.7225	1.1975						
A1:C1	1.0125	-0.9475	2.9725						
A1:D1	0.2125	-1.7475	2.1725						
B1:C1	1.0125	-0.9475	2.9725						
B1:D1	0.2625	-1.6975	2.2225						
C1:D1	-0.1625	-2.1225	1.7975						
A1:B1:C1	0.2125	-1.7475	2.1725						
A1:B1:D1	-0.0375	-1.9975	1.9225						
A1:C1:D1	1.3875	-0.5725	3.3475						
B1:C1:D1	0.2875	-1.6725	2.2475						
A1:B1:C1:D1	-0.2625	-2.2225	1.6975						

d) If there are good reasons to assume that the 3- and 4-factor interactions are 0, we have enough degrees of freedom to estimate the variance.

```
> lm2 <- lm(y~(.)^2,data=plan)</pre>
> summary(lm2)
Call:
lm.default(formula = y ~ (.)^2, data = plan)
Residuals:
                                                    2
                                                                                  3
                                                                                                                 4
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  10
                     1
 -1.0562 \quad 0.7687 \quad -0.3313 \quad 0.6188 \quad 1.0937 \quad -0.8062 \quad 0.2938 \quad -0.5813 \quad 0.8437 \quad -0.5562 \quad 0.2938 \quad -0.5813 \quad 0.8437 \quad -0.5562 \quad 0.2938 \quad -0.5813 \quad 0.8437 \quad -0.5562 \quad 0.2938 \quad -0.5813 \quad 0.8437 \quad -0.5813 \quad 0.8437 \quad -0.5862 \quad 0.2938 \quad -0.5813 \quad 0.8437 \quad -0.5862 \quad 0.5813 \quad 0.8437 \quad -0.5862 \quad 0.2938 \quad -0.5813 \quad 0.8437 \quad -0.5862 \quad 0.2938 \quad -0.5862 \quad -0.5662 \quad
                                              12
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                                                                                                                                                                         16
                   11
   0.5438 -0.8312 -0.8812 0.5938 -0.5063 0.7937
Coefficients:
                                             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
 (Intercept) 17.54375 0.32583 53.844 4.18e-08 ***
                                             4.41875 0.32583 13.562 3.91e-05 ***
A1
B1
                                             -1.25625 0.32583 -3.856 0.0119 *
C1
                                             -0.54375
                                                                                         0.32583 -1.669
                                                                                                                                                             0.1560
                                                                                         0.32583
D1
                                               0.05625
                                                                                                                             0.173
                                                                                                                                                             0.8697
                                                                                         0.32583 -1.170
A1:B1
                                             -0.38125
                                                                                                                                                             0.2947
A1:C1
                                                0.50625
                                                                                          0.32583
                                                                                                                              1.554
                                                                                                                                                              0.1810
A1:D1
                                                0.10625
                                                                                          0.32583
                                                                                                                               0.326
                                                                                                                                                              0.7576
B1:C1
                                               0.50625
                                                                                          0.32583
                                                                                                                               1.554
                                                                                                                                                              0.1810
B1:D1
                                               0.13125
                                                                                          0.32583
                                                                                                                               0.403
                                                                                                                                                              0.7037
C1:D1
                                             -0.08125
                                                                                          0.32583 -0.249
                                                                                                                                                              0.8130
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Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 1.303 on 5 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.9765, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9296
F-statistic: 20.81 on 10 and 5 DF, p-value: 0.001849
> anova(lm2)
Analysis of Variance Table
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Response: y
             Sum Sq Mean Sq F value
                                            Pr(>F)
          \mathtt{Df}
           1 312.406 312.406 183.9168 3.906e-05 ***
Α
В
               25.251
                       25.251
                                14.8653
                                           0.01193
                                                    *
           1
С
                4.731
                         4.731
                                 2.7850
                                           0.15602
           1
D
           1
                0.051
                         0.051
                                 0.0298
                                           0.86971
A:B
                2.326
                         2.326
                                 1.3691
                                           0.29470
            1
A:C
            1
                4.101
                         4.101
                                 2.4141
                                           0.18096
A:D
            1
                0.181
                         0.181
                                 0.1063
                                           0.75756
B:C
            1
                4.101
                         4.101
                                 2.4141
                                           0.18096
B:D
            1
                0.276
                         0.276
                                 0.1623
                                           0.70373
C:D
            1
                0.106
                         0.106
                                 0.0622
                                           0.81300
Residuals
                8.493
                         1.699
           5
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Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
> effects <- lm2$coeff</pre>
> plot(lm2$fitted,rstudent(lm2),pch=20)
> qqnorm(rstudent(lm2),pch=20)
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> qqline(rstudent(lm2))
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We see that the estimator for σ^2 is now:

$$s^2 = MSE = 1.699$$

from the anova printout above, look for Mean Square Residuals.

It is also possible to see this from the print-out from anova under a)

$$s^{2} = \frac{SS_{ABC} + \dots + SS_{BCD} + SS_{ABCD}}{5} = \frac{0.181 + 0.006 + 7.701 + 0.331 + 0.276}{5} = 1.699$$

where 8.22 is 3-way Seq SS (sum of the first 4 numbers above), and 0.276 is 4-way Seq SS from the full analysis in section a). The variance of the effects is thus estimated by

$$s_{effect}^2 = \frac{4s^2}{n} = 0.425$$

We can also obtain this estimate of σ_{effect}^2 directly by using the estimated effects

$$s_{effect}^2 = \frac{\widehat{ABC}^2 + \dots + \widehat{BCD}^2 + \widehat{ABCD}^2}{5} = \frac{0.213^2 + 0.038^2 + 1.387^2 + 0.288^2 + 0.263^2}{5} = 0.425$$

Now we can do a T-test or an equivalent F-test to decide which of the effects are significant. This may be read off directly from the anova(lm2) printout above.

We use the results and do an F-test:

$$F_A = \frac{MSA}{MSE} = \frac{n\hat{A}^2/4}{1.699} = \frac{312.4}{1.699} = 184$$
$$F_B = \frac{MSB}{MSE} = \frac{25.251}{1.699} = 14.87,$$

and get the p-values:

$$p = P(F_{1,5} > 183.9) \approx 0$$

$$p = P(F_{1,5} > 14.87) = 2P(T_5 > 3.85) = 0.012$$

Either use the *t*-distribution since

$$F_{1,\nu} = T_{\nu}^2$$

or use the F-distribution directly.

We conclude that both A and B are significant at level 0.05.

 \mathbf{e}

We see that ABCD is the only effect confounded with the block effect

f To perform the experiment in four blocks, we need two generators. Choosing ABC and AD as generators gives

$$ABC \cdot AD = BCD \tag{7}$$

$$ABC \cdot BCD = AD \tag{8}$$

$$AD \cdot BCD = ABC \tag{9}$$

And we see that the effects confounded with the blocks are ABC, BCD and AD. This design avoids main effects being confounded with the block effect.

FrF2 choose default a different blocking (design2 below), but can be forced to choose the same as above (design3 below).

> design2 <- FrF2(16,4,blocks=4,alias.block.2fis=TRUE)</pre> > summary(design2) Call: FrF2(16, 4, blocks = 4, alias.block.2fis = TRUE) Experimental design of type FrF2.blocked 16 runs blocked design with 4 blocks of size 4 Factor settings (scale ends): A B C D 1 -1 -1 -1 -1 $2\quad 1\quad 1\quad 1\quad 1$ Design generating information: \$legend [1] A=A B=B C=C D=D \$'generators for design itself' [1] full factorial \$'block generators'
[1] ACD BCD no aliasing of main effects or 2fis among experimental factors Aliased with block main effects: [1] AB Li AU The design itself: run.no run.no.std.rp Blocks A B C D 1 1 15.1.4 1 1 1 -1 1 2 14.1.3 1 1 1 -1 1 3 3 4.1.2 1 -1 -1 1 4 4 1.1.1 1 -1 -1 -1 -1 run.no run.no.std.rp Blocks A B C D 5 5 11.2.4 2 1 -1 1 -1 6 6 10.2.3 2 1 -1 -1 1 7 7 8.2.2 2 -1 1 1 1 8 5 5.2.1 2 -1 1 -1 -1 . crtd rp Blocks A B C D run.no. run.no.std.rp Blocks A B C D 9 7.3.2 3 -1 1 1 -1 0 6.3.1 3 -1 1 -1 1 9 9 7.3.2 10 10 6.3.1 11 11 12.3.4 12 12 9.3.3 9 l 11 12.3.4 3 1 -1 1 1 2 12 9.3.3 3 1 -1 -1 1 run.no run.no.std.rp Blocks A B C D 13 13 16.4.4 4 1 1 1 1 14 13.4.3 4 1 1 -1 -1 14 2.4.1 3.4.2 4 -1 -1 -1 1 4 -1 -1 1 -1 15 15 16 16 class=design, type= FrF2.blocked NOTE: columns run.no and run.no.std.rp are annotation, not part of the data frame > design.info(design2)\$aliased.with.blocks \$aliased.with.blocks [1] "AB" > design3 <-FrF2(16,4,blocks=c("ABC","AD"),alias.block.2fis=TRUE)
> summary(design3) Call: FrF2(16, 4, blocks = c("ABC", "AD"), alias.block.2fis = TRUE) Experimental design of type FrF2.blocked 16 runs blocked design with 4 blocks of size 4 Factor settings (scale ends): A B C D 1 -1 -1 -1 -1 2 1 1 1 1 Design generating information: \$legend
[1] A=A B=B C=C D=D > design.info(design3)\$aliased.with.blocks

[1] "AD"

Problem 3: Process development

	Run	Α	В	С	Response		
	1	-1	-1	-1	550	-	
	2	1	-1	-1	669		
	3	-1	1	-1	633		
	4	1	1	-1	642		
	5	-1	-1	1	1037		
	6	1	-1	1	749		
	7	-1	1	1	1075		
	8	1	1	1	729	_	
Intercept	А	В	С	AI	AC AC	BC	ABC
760.50	-126.5	*	274.0	-42.0	0 -190.5	-9.5	13.0

a) Let y_i be the response in run i.

$$\hat{B} = \text{mean response with B is high} - \text{mean response when B is low} = (y_3 + y_4 + y_7 + y_8)/4 - (y_1 + y_2 + y_5 + y_6)/4 = (633 + 642 + 1075 + 729)/4 - (550 + 669 + 1037 + 749)/4 = 769.75 - 751.25 = 18.5$$

The main effects plot for B shows that the mean B response at the low level is at 751.25, and going from the low to the high level the mean B response increases with 18.5 to 769.75. The increase from the low to the high mean level of B is the B main effect.



b) The "Std. Error" column gives the estimated standard deviation of the regression coefficients. Let s^2 be the estimated variance in the regression model (estimate for σ^2). Due to the orthogonality of the DOE design all estimated standard deviations are s/\sqrt{n} where

n = 16. From the printout we see that S = 47.46 (residual standard error) and Std.Error is then 47.46/4 = 11.865 for all regression coefficients.

The estimated effect for B is by definition twice the estimated coefficient for B.

The Estimate is the estimated regression coefficient, the Std.Error is the estimated standard deviation of the regression coefficient, the t-value is the value of the t-statistics (see below), the p-value is from the test described below.

The t-statistic: Estimate/Std.Error=3.688/11.865=0.311.

 H_0 : The coefficient for the covariate B is zero, H_1 : different from zero. A *p*-value of 0.76 means that we do not reject H_0 at significance level 0.05 and assume that the B coefficient is zero - and can be removed from the model.

What are the significant covariates in the model? Significant covariates are A, C and AC (and the intercept).

c) Since we have an orthogonal design the presence of factors othogonal to A and C does not change the parameter estimates for the regression coefficients in the model. But, the regression model is important for the estimation of the error variance σ^2 and the Std.Error will then change with the change in the model.

Just looking at the estimated coefficients in the reduced model we see that the etching rate will increase with C and decrease with A. This would suggest to keep A at the low level and C at the high level. The interaction between A and C is negative, so with A at low level and C at high level the net effect is positive.

We may also calculate the estimated response (predictions) with the four combinations of A and C, which confirms that A low and C high is optimal.

A low and C low: $\hat{y} = 776.062 + 50.812 - 153.062 - 76.812 = 597$. A low and C high: $\hat{y} = 776.062 + 50.812 - 153.062 + 76.812 = 1056.75$. A high and C low: $\hat{y} = 776.062 - 50.812 - 153.062 + 76.812 = 649$. A high and C high: $\hat{y} = 776.062 - 50.812 + 153.062 - 76.812 = 801.5$.

Calculate a 95% prediction interval for the etch rate based on your chosen levels for A and C. Since we have an othogonal design, the covariance matrix for the regression coefficients will be diagonal (all correlations are zero). The formula for the prediction interval with covariates x_0 is

$$[\boldsymbol{x}_{0}^{T}\boldsymbol{B} \pm t_{n-k-1}(\frac{\alpha}{2})\sqrt{(1+\boldsymbol{x}_{0}^{T}(\boldsymbol{X}^{T}\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}\boldsymbol{x}_{0})s^{2}}]$$

The covariate vector is $x_0 = (1, -1, 1, -1)$ for the intercept, A at low and C at high and thus AC at low level. **B** is the vector of regression coefficients for the intercept, A, C and AC, thus (776.06, -50.81, 153.06, -76.81). The matrix $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$ is a diagonal matrix with 1/16 on the diagonal. s is read off the printout as 41.96. The t critical value is $t_{16-3-1}(0.25) = t_{12}(0.25) = 2.18$.

 $x_0^T B = y_0 = 1056.75$ and we add $2.18 \cdot \sqrt{1 + (1, -1, 1, -1)diag(1/16)(1, -1, 1, -1)} \cdot 41.96 = 2.18 \cdot \sqrt{1 + 4/16} \cdot 41.96 = 102.3$. The interval is then [954.45, 1159.05].

d) We now assume that in a pilot study with three factors only runs 1, 4, 6 and 7 from the table in the start of this problem were performed.

This is a half fraction of a 2^3 experiment, thus a 2^{3-1} experiment. The generator for the design is AB = -C, and the defining relation is thus I = -ABC. The alias stucture is: A = -BC, B = -AC, C = -AB. The defining relation has three letters, and thus this is a resolution III experiment.

Problem 4: Blocking

For 2^5 experiments, we have five factors: A B C D and E. The requirements are as follows: no main effect and the two-factor interactions involved factor A: AB, AC, AE, AD, and AE should not be confounded with the block-effects.

For DOE blocks, there is no general method for how to choose the blocking factors. However, in this problem, as we can see, no two-factor interactions involved with A should be confounded. This can give us the first impression that we only use interactions involved with B, C, D and E for blocking. Let B1, B2, and B3 be threse block generators. (Remember that we may produce 8 blocks from three block generators by letting the block be defined by the 8 combinations of -1 and 1 for the three block generators, see page 16 of the DOE note).

For instance we can try with B1=BC, B2=CD, B3=DE, which gives us B1B2=BD B1B3=BCDE B2B3=CE B1B2B3=BE

Similarly, blocking factors such as B1=BD, B2=CE, B3=CD also satisfies the requirement, you can check by yourself.

We may think about the factor A now: B1=ABC, B2=ACD, B3=ADE will also satisfy the requirements since B1B2=BD B1B3=BCDE B2B3=CE B1B2B3=ABE.

You can actually find many other choices which satisfy the requirements.

Problem 5: Design resolution

a) D=ABC, I=ABCD. Therefore the resolution is IV. The resolution is the length of the shortes defining relation.

b) E=ABC F=ABD G=ACD H=BCD which gives I=ABCE=ABDF=ACDG=BCDH

The additional words are obtained from I^2 = CDEF=BDEG=ADEH=BCFG=ACFH=ABGH

 I^3 =AEFG=BEFH=CEGH=DFGH I^4 =ABCDEFGH

None of the words have shorter length than four which means that the design is of resolution IV.

c) With B1=AB we get that the two-factor interactions CE, DF and GH also are confounded with the block effect in addition to some four-factor interactions and a six-factor interaction.

d) It is possible to investigate 16 factors in 32 runs and still have a resolution IV design. This can be seen as follows. A fold-over of a resolution III design becomes a resolution IV design. In 16 runs it is possible to construct a resolution III design in 15 factors. Adding a column of plus 1's and then do the folding gives us a resolution IV design for 16 factors in 32 runs.