

### More on confounding

For  $2^3$  factorial design, each effect is associated with a contrast:

	I	A	B	C	AB	AC	BC	ABC
(1)	1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1
a	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
b	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1
ab	1	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	-1
c	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1
ac	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1
bc	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1
abc	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

You can use any contrast to define an incomplete block design with two blocks of size 4.

For example, the ABC contrast: Put all the -1 treatments in block I and all the +1 treatments in block II.  
 -1: (1), ab, ac, bc  
 +1: a, b, c, abc

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This leads to the design

I	II
(1)	a
ab	b
ac	c
bc	abc

This is a  $2^{3-1}$  design, a particular case of a  $2^{k-p}$  design for  $g = 2^k$  treatments in  $b = 2^p$  blocks of size  $2^{k-p}$ .

Blocks I has the treatments for which the ABC contrast coefficients are -1 and block II has the treatments for which the ABC contrast coefficients are +1.

ABC is the *defining contrast* and block I containing (1) is the *principal block*.

This just says which factor combinations are in which block. In using the design, you would randomly choose an actual block to be block I and randomly position the treatments in both blocks.

All you really need to get the whole design is the principal block I.

You can get the treatment combinations in block II by “multiplying” block I by a, dropping any squares

$$\begin{aligned}
 a \circ (1) &= \mathbf{a} \\
 a \circ ab &= a^2b = \mathbf{b}, \\
 a \circ ac &= a^2c = \mathbf{c} \\
 a \circ bc &= \mathbf{abc}
 \end{aligned}$$

In fact you get the same treatments when you multiply by b or c or abc, the other treatment combinations that are not in block I. For example,

$$\begin{aligned}
 abc \circ (1) &= \mathbf{abc} \\
 abc \circ ab &= a^2b^2c = \mathbf{c}, \\
 abc \circ ac &= a^2bc^2 = \mathbf{b} \\
 abc \circ bc &= ab^2c^2 = \mathbf{a}
 \end{aligned}$$

The ABC effect is *confounded* with blocks

The 3 factor block model is

$$y_{ijk\lambda} = \mu + B_{\lambda} + \alpha_i + \beta_j + \gamma_k + \alpha\beta_{ij} + \alpha\gamma_{ik} + \beta\gamma_{jk} + \alpha\beta\gamma_{ijk} + \epsilon_{ijk\lambda}$$

where  $B_{\lambda}$  is a random or fixed block effect.

Then estimate of  $\alpha\beta\gamma_{222}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\beta\gamma_{222} &= (-y_{111} + y_{211} + y_{121} - y_{221} + y_{112} - y_{212} - y_{122} + y_{222})/8 \\ &= \alpha\beta\gamma_{222} + (B_1 - B_2)/2 + \sum_{ijk} c_{ijk}^{ABC} \epsilon_{ijk} \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_{ijk}^{ABC} = \pm 1/8$

( $B_1 - B_2$ )/2 “contaminates” the estimate. When blocks are random, it greatly inflates the standard error. When they are fixed, it biases  $\alpha\beta\gamma_{222}$

All the other contrasts associated with factorial effects are unconfounded with blocks because the contrasts are orthogonal to the ABC contrast.

$$\hat{\alpha}_2 = \alpha_2 + \sum_{ijk} c_{ijk}^A \epsilon_{ijk}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \beta_2 + \sum_{ijk} c_{ijk}^B \epsilon_{ijk}$$

$$\hat{\gamma}_{jk} = \gamma_{jk} + \sum_{ijk} c_{ijk}^{BC} \epsilon_{ijk}, \text{ etc.}$$

No  $B_j$ 's appear so these estimates are not confounded with block effects.

So for this design, all main effects and two-way interactions are unconfounded. Only the three-way interaction is confounded.

You can use any other factorial effect contrast to define blocks. Here is another  $2^{3-1}$  design with defining contrast  $AB = (1, -1, -1, 1, 1, -1, -1, 1)$ .

I	II
a	(1)
b	ab
ac	c
bc	abc

Now try to estimate  $\alpha\beta_{22}$  using the AB contrast. You can check it has the form

$$\hat{\alpha}\beta_{22} = (y_{111} - y_{211} - y_{121} + y_{221} + y_{112} - y_{212} - y_{122} + y_{222})/8 = \alpha\beta_{22} + (\beta_1 - \beta_2)/2 + \sum_{ijk} C_{ijk}^{AB} \epsilon_{ijk}$$

Now the AB interaction is confounded, but no other is, not even ABC. A design based on A as defining contrast confounds the A main effect.

## Finding confounded designs in MacAnova

For a  $2^{k-p}$  design, macro `confound2()` finds the factor combinations in each block when you supply p defining contrasts.

### $2^{3-1}$ with defining contrast ABC

```
Cmd> confound2(vector(1,1,1))
WARNING: searching for unrecognized macro confound2 near
confound2(
component: block1
(1) "(1)"
(2) "ab"
(3) "ac"
(4) "bc"
component: block2
(1) "a"
(2) "b"
(3) "c"
(4) "abc"
```

This confounds  $ABC = A'B'C'$ . Note the "prime" (') in the argument. That makes it is a row vector (matrix with one row)

```
Cmd> confound2(vector(1,1,0)) # defining contrast is AB
component: block1
(1) "(1)"
(2) "ab"
(3) "c"
(4) "abc"
component: block2
(1) "a"
(2) "b"
(3) "ac"
(4) "bc"
```

`confound3()` works with  $3^{k-p}$  designs.

Use `confound2()` to find the design for a  $2^{4-1}$  design with defining contrast ABCD. There are  $2^1 = 2$  blocks of size  $2^3 = 8$ . Only effect ABCD is confounded.

```
Rcmd> confound2(vector(1,1,1,1)') # 2^(4-1)
component: block1
(1) "(1)"
(2) "ab"
(3) "ac"
(4) "bc"
(5) "ad"
(6) "bd"
(7) "cd"
(8) "abcd"
component: block2
(1) "a"
(2) "b"
(3) "c"
(4) "abc"
(5) "d"
(6) "abd"
(7) "acd"
(8) "bcd"
```

To confound ABCE, say, in a  $2^5$  design, use

```
confound2(vector(1,1,1,0,1)')
A B C D E
```

For a  $2^{k-1}$  design, the argument is a 1 by k matrix or row vector. For a  $2^{k-p}$  design, the argument must be a p by k matrix, with each row specifying a defining contrast

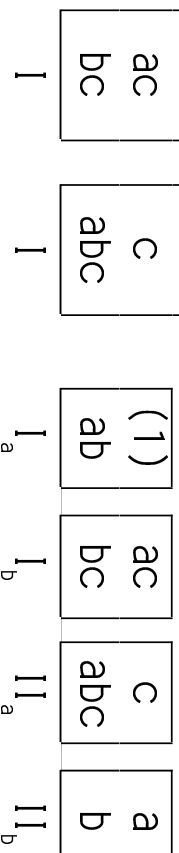
What if block sizes of  $2^{k-1}$  are too large. For example, you are doing a  $2^5$  and want to use blocks of size  $2^1$ , that is a  $2^{5-2}$  design.

You need to use two defining contrasts. Use one to split in two groups of 4 and the second to split each group of 4 into two groups of 2

Let's try ABC and AB:

(1) a b ab c ac bc abc  
 ABC: -1, 1, 1, -1, 1 -1, 1  
 AB: 1, -1, -1, 1, 1 -1, -1, 1

Blocks subdivided by  
 AB



$I_a$  and  $II_a$  contain treatments from I and II with  $AB = +1$ .  $I_b$  and  $II_b$  contain treatments from I and II with  $AB = -1$

What happens when you try to estimate C using contrast -1, -1, -1, -1, 1, 1, 1, 1?

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\delta}_2 &= (-y_{111} - y_{211} - y_{121} - y_{221} + y_{112} + y_{212} + y_{122} + y_{222})/8 \\ &= \delta_2 + (-B_1 - B_3 - B_3 - B_1 + B_4 + B_2 + B_2 + B_4)/8 \\ &\quad + \sum_{ijk} C_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} \\ &= \delta_2 + (-B_1 - B_3 + B_2 + B_4)/4 + \sum_{ijk} C_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} \end{aligned}$$

So  $\hat{\delta}_2$  is contaminated with block effects so C is confounded with blocks.

Note:  $AB \circ ABC = A^2B^2C = C$

This is an example of the important **general rule:**

When you confound any two contrasts, their generalized product is also confounded.

Here `confound2()` finds the treatment combinations for each block.

```
Cmd> confound2(matrix(vector(1,1,1, 1,1,0),3)') # ABC and AB
component: block1
(1) "(1)"
(2) "ab"
component: block2
(1) "c"
(2) "abc"
component: block3
(1) "ac"
(2) "bc"
component: block4
(1) "a"
(2) "b"
```

Thus, with a confounded main effect, the choice of AB and ABC as defining contrasts is not a good one. You can use `chooseDef2()` to find defining contrasts that are best in a certain sense.

```
Cmd> chooseDef2(3,2,all:T) # For a 2^(3-2) design
component: generators
(1) "BC"
(2) "AB"
component: aberration
(1) 0 3 0
component: basis
(1,1) 0 1 1
(2,1) 1 1 0
      A B C
```

This gives defining contrasts AB and BC. This is better since  $AB \circ BC = AB^2C = AC$ . Main effects and ABC are not confounded. All 2-way interactions are confounded.

Component generators of `chooseDef2()` output contains the defining contrasts as letters.

Component basis has the same information as a p by 2 matrix with columns corresponding to factors. 1 in a column means that factor is in the confounded effect. You can use basis as an argument to `chooseDef2()`.

```
Cmd> basis <- chooseDef2(3,2,all:T)$basis
Cmd> confound2(basis)
component: block1
(1) "(1)"
(2) "abc"
component: block2
(1) "ab"
(2) "c"
component: block3
(1) "a"
(2) "bc"
component: block4
(1) "b"
(2) "ac"
```

(1)	ab	a	b
abc	c	bc	ac

Component aberration tells you how many effects of different orders are confounded. You can tell 0 main effects 3 two-way interactions and 0 three-way interactions are confounded.

Let's try with  $2^4$  in blocks of 4:  $2^{4-2}$

```
Cmd> stuff <- chooseDef2(4,2,all:T)
Cmd> stuff
component: generators
(1) "ABC"
(2) "ABD"
component: aberration
(1) 0 1 2 0
component: basis
(1,1) 1 1 1 0
(2,1) 1 1 0 1
```

This also confounds

$$ABC \circ ABD = A^2B^2CD = CD.$$

This is the one confounded two-way interaction.

A, AB, AC, AD, BC, BD, ACD, BCD and ABCD are unconfounded.

## Here are the treatments:

```

Cmd> confound2(stuff$basis)
component: block1
(1) "(1)"
(2) "ab"
(3) "acd"
(4) "bcd"
component: block2
(1) "c"
(2) "abc"
(3) "ad"
(4) "bd"
component: block3
(1) "ac"
(2) "bc"
(3) "d"
(4) "abd"
component: block4
(1) "a"
(2) "b"
(3) "cd"
(4) "abcd"

```

(1)	ab	acd	bcd
(2)	abc	ad	bd
(3)	bc	d	abd
(4)	a	b	cd

Try a  $2^{7-3}$ , timing how long it takes.  
 Elapsed time is 10.8 seconds  
 This isn't very long but it's a noticeable wait.

```

Cmd> print(stuff1,format="4,0F")
stuff1:
component: generators
(1) "ABDE"
(2) "ACDF"
(3) "BCDG"
component: aberration
(1) 0 0 0 7 0 0 0
component: basis
(1,1) 1 0 1 1 0 0 0
(2,1) 1 0 1 1 0 1 0
(3,1) 0 1 1 1 0 0 1

```

Q. What other effects are confounded in the  $2^{7-3}$  design besides ACDE, BCDF, and ABCG spit out by `choosedef2()`?

- A. All generalized products of these three:
- ACDE ◊ BCDF = ABC<sup>2</sup>D<sup>2</sup>EF = ABEF
  - ACDE ◊ ABCG = A<sup>2</sup>BC<sup>2</sup>DEG = BDEG
  - ACDE ◊ BCDF = ABC<sup>2</sup>D<sup>2</sup>EF = ABEF
- and
- ACDE ◊ BCDF ◊ ABCG = A<sup>2</sup>B<sup>2</sup>C<sup>3</sup>D<sup>2</sup>EF = CGEF.



This confirms aberration which says 7 four-way interactions are confounded, but no main effects, two-way, three-way, five-way, six-way, or seven-way interactions, and there are lots of unconfounded 4 way interactions.

Let's stretch it to  $2^{8-3}$ :

```
Cmd> timeit(stuff2 <- choosedef2(8,3,all:T);;)
Elapsed time is 87.8 seconds
Cmd> print(stuff2,format:"3.0F")
stuff2:
component: generators
(1) "ABDEF"
(2) "ACDEG"
(3) "BCDEH"
component: aberration
(1) 0 0 0 3 4 0 0 0
component: basis
(1,1) 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0
(2,1) 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1
(3,1) 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1
```

This took almost 90 seconds on a Macintosh G3 180. Much larger gets longer than one wants to wait.

You can save time by directing that choosedef2() not make an exhaustive search.

With tries:m instead of all:T, choosedef2() finds the best of m randomly selected sets of defining contrasts. It's can be much quicker, and although it isn't guaranteed to find the best it often does.

```
Cmd> timeit(stuff3 <- choosedef2(7,3,tries:1000);;)
Elapsed time is 2.5333 seconds
Cmd> print(abberation:stuff3$abberation,format:"4.0F")
abberation
(1) 0 0 0 7 0 0 0
Cmd> timeit(stuff4 <- choosedef2(8,3,tries:1000);;)
Elapsed time is 2.4 seconds
Cmd> print(abberation:stuff4$abberation,format:"4.0F")
abberation:
(1) 0 0 0 3 4 0 0 0
```

We got the same aberration patterns as with the exhaustive searches but both were much faster.

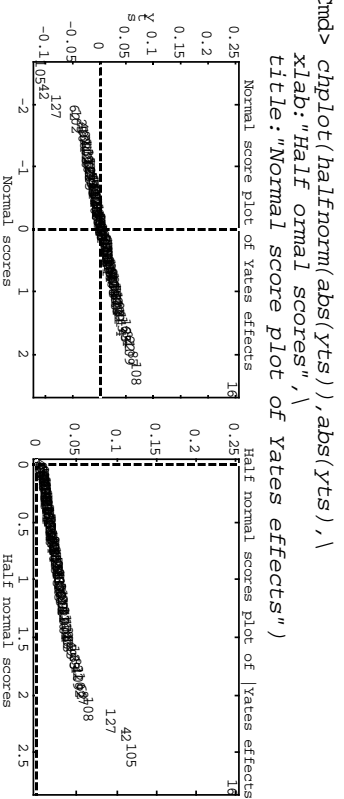
# Here is a partial analysis of a $2^{7-4}$ design, 16 blocks of size 8.

```
Cmd> data <- read("","exmpl15.6")
      128      9
) A data set from Oehlert (2000) \emph{A First Course in Design
) and Analysis of Experiments}, New York: W. H. Freeman.
)
) Table 15.6, p. 398
) Data for a  $2^{7-4}$  in standard order. Factors are size of image,
) shape of image, color of image, orientation of image, duration
) of image vertical location of image, and horizontal location
) of image.
) ABCD, ACEG, BCE, BCFG, ACF, CDEF, ABG, BDEG, ADE, ADFG, BDF,
) EFG, CDG, ABEG, and ABCDEFG are confounded with blocks.
) Columns are block, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and response
) Read from file "TPI:Stat5303:Data:OeCh15.dat"

Cmd> makecols(data,block,a,b,c,d,e,f,g,y,factors:run(8))
Column 1 saved as factor block with 16 levels
Column 2 saved as factor a with 2 levels
Column 3 saved as factor b with 2 levels
Column 4 saved as factor c with 2 levels
Column 5 saved as factor d with 2 levels
Column 6 saved as factor e with 2 levels
Column 7 saved as factor f with 2 levels
Column 8 saved as factor g with 2 levels
Column 9 saved as vector y
```

Just as with non-confounded designs you can look at Yates effect's. Some, however are confounded and may be large because of large block differences.

```
Cmd> yts <- Yates(y)
Cmd> chplot(rankits(yts),yts,xlab:"Normal scores",\
title:"Normal score plot of Yates effects")
```



Effects 16, 105, 42 and 127 appear to be outliers. In binary notation these are

Effect	GFEDCBA	Effect
16	0010000b	E
105	1101001b	ADFG
42	0101010b	BDF
127	1111111b	ABCDEFGG

Note that the last three are all among the defining contrasts and represent differences between blocks, not treatment effects.

# Here is an ANOVA including main effects plus 2-way, 3-way and 4-way interactions.

```

Cmd> anova("y=block + (a+b+c+d+e+f+g)^4")
Model used is y=block + (a+b+c+d+e+f+g)^4
WARNING: summaries are sequential

CONSTANT      1      30.44      30.44      MS
block         15     1.3384     0.089225
a             1     0.02645    0.02645
b             1     0.014028   0.014028
c             1     0.0091125  0.0091125
d             1     0.0162     0.0162
e             1     1.9602     1.9602
f             1     0.0038281  0.0038281
g             1     0.0011281  0.0011281
a.b           1     0.005      0.005
a.c           1     0.0022781  0.0022781
a.d           1     0.029403   0.029403
a.e           1     0.0034031  0.0034031
a.f           1     0.017112   0.017112
a.g           1     0.01125    0.01125
b.c           1     0.021012   0.021012
b.d           1     0.0392     0.0392
b.e           1     5e-05      5e-05
b.f           1     0.0057781  0.0057781
b.g           1     0.0038281  0.0038281
c.d           1     0.0063281  0.0063281
c.e           1     0.00015312 0.00015312
c.f           1     0.0032     0.0032
c.g           1     0.0072     0.0072
d.e           1     0.0022781  0.0022781
d.f           1     0.00045    0.00045
d.g           1     0.02       0.02
e.f           1     0           0
e.g           1     0.00845    0.00845
f.g           1     0.00070312 0.00070312
a.b.c         1     0.0052531  0.0052531
a.b.d         1     0.0034031  0.0034031
a.b.e         1     0.0011281  0.0011281
a.b.f         1     0.00125    0.00125
a.b.g         0     0           undefined
a.c.d         1     0.0392     0.0392
a.c.e         1     0.0242     0.0242
    
```

```

a.c.f         0     0           undefined
a.c.g         1     0.0011281  0.0011281
a.d.e         0     0           undefined
a.d.f         1     3.125e-06  3.125e-06
a.d.g         1     0.0087781  0.0087781
a.e.f         1     0.045753   0.045753
a.e.g         1     0.0087781  0.0087781
a.f.g         1     0.0006125  0.0006125
b.c.d         0     0.024753   0.024753
b.c.e         1     0           undefined
b.c.f         1     0.037812   0.037812
b.c.g         1     0.0098     0.0098
b.d.e         1     0.0019531  0.0019531
b.d.f         0     0           undefined
b.d.g         1     0.0338     0.0338
b.e.f         1     0.0021125  0.0021125
b.e.g         1     0.00045    0.00045
b.f.g         1     0.025878   0.025878
c.d.e         1     0.01445    0.01445
c.d.f         1     0.00070312 0.00070312
c.d.g         0     0           undefined
c.e.f         1     0.00037812 0.00037812
c.e.g         1     0.067528   0.067528
c.f.g         1     0.027612   0.027612
d.e.f         1     0.015753   0.015753
d.e.g         1     0.0034031  0.0034031
d.f.g         1     0.0072     0.0072
e.f.g         0     0           undefined
e.g.f         0     0           undefined
a.b.c.d       0     0.0162     0.0162
a.b.c.e       1     0.015753   0.015753
a.b.c.f       1     0.00090313 0.00090313
a.b.c.g       1     0.0091125  0.0091125
a.b.d.e       1     0.0087781  0.0087781
a.b.d.f       1     0.0047531  0.0047531
a.b.d.g       0     0           undefined
a.b.e.f       1     0.038503   0.038503
a.b.e.g       1     0.00845    0.00845
a.b.f.g       1     0.0047531  0.0047531
a.c.d.e       1     0.00045    0.00045
a.c.d.f       1     0.0006125  0.0006125
a.c.d.g       1     0.0128     0.0128
a.c.e.f       0     0           undefined
a.c.e.g       1     0.0022781  0.0022781
a.d.e.f       1     0.00605    0.00605
a.d.e.g       1     0.012012   0.012012
a.d.f.g       0     0           undefined
    
```

a.e.f.g	1	0.011628	0.011628
b.c.d.e	1	0.02	0.02
b.c.d.f	1	0.00052812	0.00052812
b.c.d.g	1	0.014878	0.014878
b.c.e.f	1	0.0094531	0.0094531
b.c.e.g	1	0.0052531	0.0052531
b.c.f.g	0	0	undefined
b.d.e.f	1	0.00025313	0.00025313
b.d.e.g	0	0	undefined
b.d.f.g	1	0.0055125	0.0055125
b.e.f.g	1	0.032512	0.032512
c.d.e.f	0	0	undefined
c.d.e.g	1	0.0003125	0.0003125
c.d.f.g	1	0.1164	0.1164
c.e.f.g	1	0.023653	0.023653
d.e.f.g	1	0.0019531	0.0019531
ERROR1	28	0.59048	0.021088

The error term consists of all the pooled 5-, 6- and 7-way interaction SS.

Note the following:

- By far the largest effect mean square is for e.
- Terms a.b.g, a.c.f, a.d.e, b.c.e, b.c.e, b.d.f, c.d.g, e.f.g, a.b.c.d, a.b.e.f, a.c.e.g, a.d.f.g, b.c.f.g, b.d.e.g, c.d.e.f all have 0 degrees of freedom. These are the 15 confounded effects.