

# SAS MACRO FOR GENERATION OF ALL POSSIBLE MINIMALLY CHANGED $2^k$ RUN ORDER WITH TREND FACTOR VALUE THROUGH EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH ALGORITHM

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Minimally changed run sequences for a factorial design are not unique instead there may exist a number of minimally changed run orders for a specific factorial combination. However, due to execution of runs in different order among minimally changed run sequences, effect of trend may be different. Following SAS macro has been developed to perform exhaustive search procedure to generate all possible minimally changed run order for two level factorial design. The SAS macro has been developed using SAS 9.3 where user need to enter "**the number of levels each factor (it should be  $\geq 2$ ) separated by commas**" as  $s = .$  The macro will then generate **all possible minimally changed run orders for the specified two level factorial design along with factor wise level changes**. Further, the macro **will also generate D,  $D_t$  and Trend Factor (TF)** value for all the generated minimally changed run order based on following model:

Let, there are  $k$  factors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$ . Let,  $\mathbf{Y}$  is  $n \times 1$  vector of response variable. Then the model for factorial run orders in the presence of trend component can be defined as

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{G}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

Where,  $\mathbf{F}$  denote the design matrix of order  $n \times p$  where  $p$  is the number of parameters to be estimated [here, only general mean and all the main effects have been considered]. Here,  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  is a  $p \times 1$  vector of parameters of interest. Here,  $\mathbf{G}$  of order  $n \times q$  represent the orthogonal polynomial coefficient to measure trend effect [here only linear trend has been considered thus  $q = 1$ ] and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is a  $q \times 1$  vector of trend effects. Based on the above model following can be defined [Tack and Vandebroek (2001)]:

**D- optimality criterion (D):** Considering the above experimental set-up, the D-optimal design is found by minimizing the generalized variance or equivalently, by maximizing the determinant of the information matrix as  $D = |\mathbf{F}'\mathbf{F}|$ .

**$D_t$ -optimality criterion ( $D_t$ ):** Considering the above experimental set-up, the  $D_t$ -optimality criterion is found by minimizing the generalized variance or equivalently maximizes the information in presence of trend as  $D_t = |\mathbf{F}'\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F}'\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{G}'\mathbf{G})^{-1}\mathbf{G}'\mathbf{F}|$ .

**Trend Factor:** In order to see the effect of trend on factorial run order, Tack and Vandebroek (2001) defined the term trend factor which as

$$\text{TrendFactor(TF)} = \left[ \frac{D_t}{D} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}, 0 \leq \text{TF} \leq 1.$$

For a completely trend free run order, TF will be equal to 1 and for a run order which is completely affected by trend, TF will take value 0.

The SAS macro will also generate **total number of minimally changed run order in the last**. The programme has been implemented with single processor having the computational specification as follows:

**Processor:** Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-3470, CPU @ 3.20 GHz, **RAM:** 8 GB, **Hard Disk Drive:** 500 GB

### Code

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proc iml;
ods rtf file='fact.rtf' startpage=no;
s={2,2,2}; /* Enter the number of levels each factor (it should be >=2)
seperated by commas*/
a=j(max(s), nrow(s), 0);
do kk=1 to nrow(s);
m=mod(s[kk, ], 2);
do i=1 to s[kk, ];
do j=i to s[kk, ];
if m=1 then
do;
a[j, kk]=-(s[kk, ]-1)/2+(i-1);
end;
else
do;
if -(s[kk, ]/2)+(i-1)<0 then do;
a[j, kk]=-(s[kk, ]/2)+(i-1);
end;
else do;
a[j, kk]=-(s[kk, ]/2)+i;
end;
end;
end;
end;
end;
*print a;
aa=j(s[1, ], 1, 0);
do i=1 to s[1, ];
aa[i, ]=a[i, 1];
end;
*print aa;
sum=1;
do j=1 to nrow(s)-1;
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do i=1 to nrow(aa);
kk=repeat(aa[i,],s[j+1,],1);
if i=1 then do;
aaa=kk;
end;else do;
aaa=aaa//kk;
end;
end;
*print aaa;
sum=sum*s[j, ];
if mod(sum,2)=0 then do;
ggg=j(s[j+1, ],1,0);
do i=1 to s[j+1, ];
ggg[i,]=a[i,j+1];
end;
ggg1=ggg;
ggg2=ggg//ggg1;
hh=repeat(ggg2,sum/2,1);
aa=aaa||hh;
end;
else do;
ggg=j(s[j+1, ],1,0);
do i=1 to s[j+1, ];
ggg[i,]=a[i,j+1];
end;
ggg1=ggg;
ggg2=ggg//ggg1;
hh1=repeat(ggg2,(sum-1)/2,1);
hh=hh1//ggg;
aa=aaa||hh;
end;
end;
*print aa;
/*****Normalised Linear trend component*****/
m=mod(nrow(aa),2);
ma=j(nrow(aa),1,0);
do i=1 to nrow(aa);
if m=1 then
do;
ma[i,1]=-(nrow(aa)-1)/2+(i-1);
end;
else do;
ma[i,1]=-(nrow(aa)-1)+(2*(i-1));
end;
end;
mk=sqrt(ssq(ma));
ma=ma/mk;
*print ma;
/*****/

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total_design=0;
p=allperm(nrow(aa));
n=nrow(p);
*print p;
*print n;
design=j(nrow(aa),ncol(aa),0);
do j=1 to nrow(p);
kk=1;
do i=1 to ncol(p);
design[kk, ]=aa[p[j,i],];
kk=kk+1;
end;
count=j(1,ncol(design),0);
do k=1 to ncol(design);
do l=2 to nrow(design);
if design[l-1,k]^=design[l,k] then do;
count[1,k]=count[1,k]+1;
int=j(nrow(aa),1,1);
design_int=int||design;
D_t=det(design_int`*design_int);/*D_T without Trend*/
*D_t_Trend=(det((design`*design)-
(design`*ma*inv(ma`*ma)*ma`*design))**(1/ncol(design)));
D_t_Trend=det(((design_int`*design_int)||
(design_int`*ma))//((ma`*design_int)
|| (ma`*ma)));
Trend_factor=(D_t_Trend/D_t)**(1/ncol(design_int));
end;
end;
end;
if sum(count)=nrow(aa)-1 then do;
total_design=total_design+1;
print design;
print count;
print D_t;
print D_t_Trend;
print Trend_factor;
*print ma;
end;
end;
print total_design;
ods rtf close;
quit;

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A screenshot of the output is as follows

The screenshot shows the SAS Results Viewer window. The main content area displays the output for 'The SAS System'. The output is organized into several sections, each with a title and a table of values.

design	
-1	-1
-1	1
1	1
1	-1

  

count	
1	2

  

D_t	
64	

  

D_t_Trend	
12.8	

  

Trend_factor	
0.5848035	

  

design	
-1	-1
1	-1
1	1

The bottom of the window shows the taskbar with several open files: 'Output - (Untitled)', 'Log - (Untitled)', 'all permutation\_with Tr...', and 'Results Viewer - SAS ...'. The system tray at the bottom right shows the date and time: 'Fri Mar 20 10:00:00 AM 2020'.

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