STAT 468 (MAST 679/MAST 881), Sec. Q
Design of Experiments

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Mode of delivery: This course will be offered in person (Tue+Thu, 10:15 – 11:30). However, assignments, midterm and final exams will be given online via Moodle. Attempts will be made to record the lectures.

Office Hours: Wednesdays, 16:00-17:30, Online. Students can also send questions via email. Note that the system does not allow one to reply to an email sent from Moodle. Thus, emails should be sent from one’s own emailer, not Moodle. Note, however, that if you missed a class it is not reasonable to expect your professor to cover the missed material for you.

Prerequisite: STAT 360 previously or concurrently.


Objective: Design of experiments deals with efficient allocation of ‘treatments’ to experimental units so as to reduce experimental error variability in the response of interest and to provide valid, efficient, repeatable inference about the former. This course is an introduction to the basic principles, constructions and analysis of the commonly used, linear model-based, experimental designs. We shall first review the distributions and commonly used statistical test procedures for drawing statistical inference as well as model-validation of the standard designs. There will be theoretical as well as numerical problems in the assignments and exams.

Graduate students will be assigned additional assignment as well as exam problems, and additional reading material for self-study.
Final Grade:

- a) Assignments (4 or 5) 20%
- b) Mid-term (Thu 24 Feb 2022) 30%
- c) Final 50%

If the grading scheme for this course includes graded assignments, a reasonable and representative subset of each assignment may be graded. Students will not be told in advance which subset of the assigned problems will be marked and should therefore attempt all assigned problems.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO “100% FINAL EXAM” OPTION IN THIS COURSE.

Topics:

Review (Ch.1 and Ch.2); selected sections from the following chapters: experiments with a single factor: the analysis of variance (Ch.3); randomized blocks, Latin Squares and related designs (Ch.4); introduction to factorial designs (Ch.5); the $2^k$ factorial design (Ch.6); blocking and confounding in the $2^k$ factorial design (Ch.7); Two-level fractional factorial designs, (Ch. 8); response surface methods and designs (Ch.11). Graduate students self-study: Other topics on factorial and fractional factorial designs (Ch. 9).

For data-analysis problems we will use of the software R that will be demonstrated during one or two classes. A freely downloadable version can be found at http://www.r-project.org. A useful reference is the book, *A first course in statistical programming with R*, 2nd Edition, by W. John Braun and Duncan J. Murdoch (Cambridge University Press).

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**Use of Zoom**

Note: Zoom is included as an institutionally-approved technology. This means we have been assured of the privacy protections needed to use freely within the classroom)

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