Bayes Risk as an Alternative to Fisher Information in Determining Experimental Designs for Nonparametric Models

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Methods of Optimal Design

- <u>D-optimality</u> (traditional) maximizes the determinant of the Fisher Information Matrix (Fedorov 1972 [20], Silvey 1980 [19])
 - Intended for parameter estimation problems [11][12]
 - Modifications for robustness: ED, EID, API, etc.
- Multiple Model Optimal (MMOpt) Design (new) minimizes an overbound on the Bayes risk
 - Can be evaluated without numerical integration or Monte Carlo simulation/stochastic analysis
 - Intended for multiple model (MM) parametrizations which form the basis of the USC BestDose software
 - The multiple model representation corresponds to the <u>support points</u> in the nonparametric population model
 - Based on recent theoretical overbound on Bayes Risk (Blackmore et. al. 2008 [4])

• Dynamic Model and Measurements

 $\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), d(t), \theta)$ State x, Input d, Parameter $\theta \in R^p$ $\eta_i = h(x(t_i), \theta)$, System output at time t_i $y_i = \eta_i + \sigma_i n_i$, Noisy measurement at time t_i $n_i \sim N(0, 1)$, Gaussian measurement noise $\xi = \{t_1, ..., t_m\}$, Experiment design (optimal sampling)

• D-Optimal Design

 $\max_{\xi} |M|$

where the Fisher Information Matrix M is given by,

$$M(\theta,\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \left[\frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \theta^T} \right] \Big|_{\theta = \overline{\theta}}$$

• Herein, $M(\theta, \xi)$ is assumed to be a function of θ (i.e., nonlinear problems)

D-Optimal Design for Nonlinear Problems

- D-Optimal design tells you where to place samples so that they are most sensitive to small changes in model parameter values
 - max |M|, where M is Fisher Information Matrix, and |(.)| is determinant
 - Useful tool has become standard in design of clinical experiments
- Problem with D-optimal design Circular reasoning (Silvey 1980):
 - You need to know the true patient's parameters before D-optimal design can be used to compute the best experiment to find these same parameters
- To robustify D-optimal design, an expectation is taken with respect to prior information (c.f., Chaloner [13]), Pronzato [14][15], Tod [16], D'Argenio [17]),

ED: max E{ |M| }

EID: min E{ 1/|M| }

ELD (or API): max E{ log|M| }

 MMopt comparison will be made here relative to ED, EID and API. Not exhaustive - other experiment design criteria are possible (cf., Chaloner [13], Merle and Mentre [18])

Definition of ED, EID, API

• Robust D-Optimal Designs

ED: $\arg \max_{\xi} E_{\theta} \left(|M| \right)$ EID: $\arg \min_{\xi} E_{\theta} \left(\frac{1}{|M|} \right)$ API: $\arg \max_{\xi} E_{\theta} \left(\log |M| \right)$ where,

 $\theta \in R^p$ - Parameter Vector

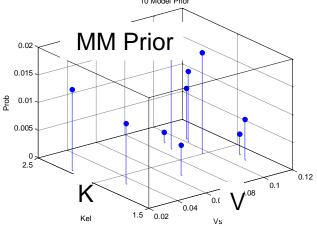
$$\eta = \{t_1, ..., t_m\}$$
 - Experiment design

M - Fisher Information Matrix

 All above design metrics require Fisher Matrix M to be nonsingular, and hence <u>require at least p samples to be</u> <u>taken</u>, where p=# parameters

Multiple Model Optimal Design

- USC BestDose software [3] is based on a multiple model (MM) parametrization of the Bayesian prior (i.e., discrete support points in the <u>nonparametric population</u> model)
 - Nonparametric Maximum Likelihood (NPML) estimation of a population model has the form of a MM prior (Mallet [5], Lindsay [6]).
 - Software for population NPML modeling is available, e.g., NPEM (Schumitzky [7][11]), NPAG (Leary [8], Baek [9]), USC*PACK (Jelliffe [10]).



- Experiment design for MM (i.e., discrete) models is a subject found in classification theory
 - How do we sample the patient to find out which support point he best corresponds to?
 - Classifying patients is fundamentally different from trying to estimate patient's parameters
- Treating MM experiment design in the context of classification theory leads to the mathematical problem of <u>minimizing Bayes risk</u> (Duda et. al. [21])

Multiple Model Optimal Design (MMOpt)

• Bayes Rule

 $p(H_i|y, u) = \frac{p(y|H_i, u)p(H_i)}{p(y|u)}, \quad i = 1, ..., N$ H_i - Hypothesis that model *i* corresponds to true subject

u - Experiment design variable (to be optimized over)

• Design Rule for MM Classifier

 $p(H_j|y, u) = \max_i \{ p(H_i|y, u) \}$ implies

1. H_j is classified as TRUE

(i.e., j'th model is classified as true subject)

2. H_i for $i \neq j$ is classified as FALSE

• Design Regions

MM classifier breaks y into N regions R_i , i = 1, ..., Nsuch that H_j is classified as TRUE when $y \in R_j$. Multiple Model Experiment Design (MMED) (Cont'd)

• Bayes Risk (i.e., Probability of MM Classifier Being Wrong)

$$P(error) = \sum_{i}^{N} \sum_{j \neq i}^{N} P(y \in R_{j}, H_{i}|u)$$
$$= \sum_{i}^{N} \sum_{j \neq i}^{N} P(y \in R_{j}|H_{i}) p(H_{i})$$
$$= \sum_{i}^{N} \sum_{j \neq i}^{N} \int_{R_{j}} P(y \in R_{j}|H_{i}) p(H_{i}) dy$$

• Result: (Blackmore et. al. 2008)

When performing hypothesis selection between an arbitrary number of hypotheses, for Gaussian observation distributions such that $p(Y|H_i) = N(\mu(i), \Sigma(i)), i = 1, ..., N$, the Bayes Risk is upper bounded as follows:

$$P(error) \leq \sum_{i}^{N} \sum_{j \neq i}^{N} P(H_{i})^{\frac{1}{2}} P(H_{j})^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-k(i,j)}$$

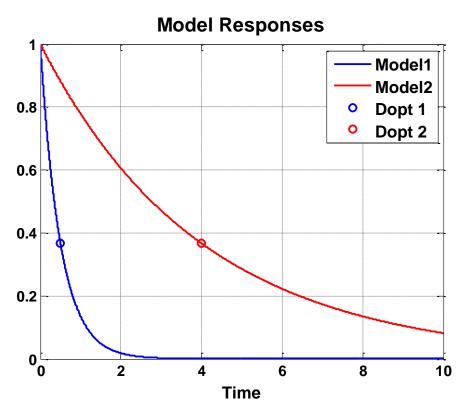
where,

$$k(i,j) = \frac{1}{4}(\mu(j) - \mu(i))^T \left(\Sigma(i) + \Sigma(j)\right)^{-1} (\mu(j) - \mu(i)) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|\frac{1}{2}(\Sigma(i) + \Sigma(j))|}{\sqrt{|\Sigma(i)||\Sigma(j)|}}$$

• In short, the MMED experiment design <u>maximizes the probability</u> that the true subject will be correctly identified (classified) among competing models

Simple 2-Model Example

- Simple 2-Model Example $y_i = \eta(t_i, a) + \sigma n_i$ $\eta(t, a) = e^{-at}$ $a = a_1 = 2$ (fast model) $a = a_2 = 0.25$ (slow model) $\sigma = 0.3$ Prior: $p_1 = .5, p_2 = .5$
- Fisher Information Matrix M
 - $\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial a} = -te^{-at}$ $M(a) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (te^{-at})^2$ $|M(a)| = t^2 e^{-2at} / \sigma^2$
- Individual D-Optimal Designs
 Fast Model: t = 1/a₁ = .5
 Slow Model: t = 1/a₂ = 4



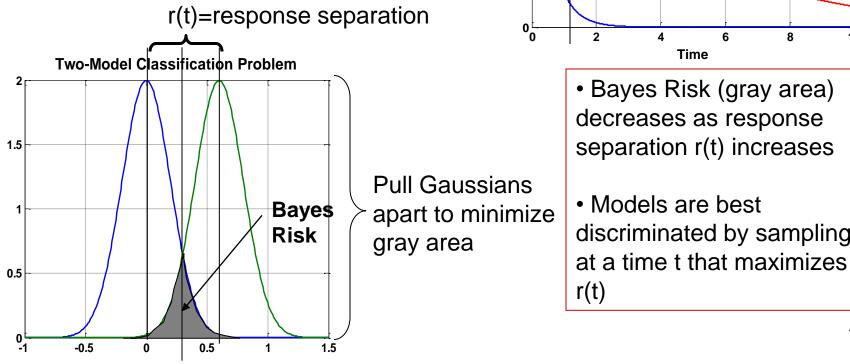
Model Response Separation r(t)

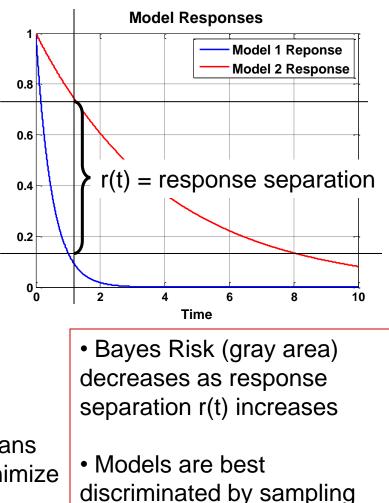
 Model Response Separation r(t) is the separation between two model responses at a given time t

$$r(t) = |\eta(t, a_1) - \eta(t, a_2)|$$

•Defines natural statistic for discriminating between two models

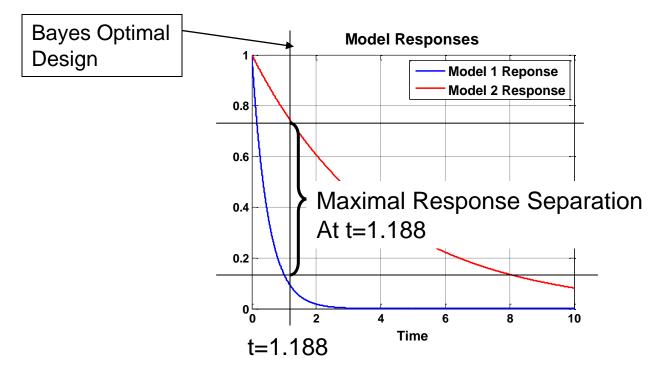






Bayes Optimal Design

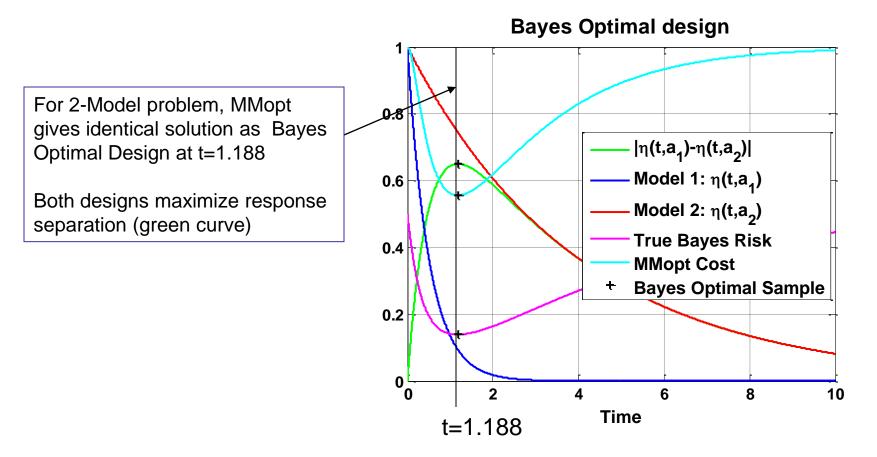
- Bayes Optimal Design minimizes Bayes Risk
- Bayes Risk = Prob(Type I error) + Prob(Type II error) = $p_1 \int_{t_{cross}}^{\infty} p(y|a_1)dy + p_2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_{cross}} p(y|a_2)dy = 1 - \int_{-\infty}^{r(t)/2} N(0,\sigma^2)dy$ where $r(t) = |\eta(t,a_1) - \eta(t,a_2)|$ is response separation
- Bayes Risk decreases monotonically with increasing r(t)
 - Minimized at time of maximal response separation r(t)arg max_t $r(t) = |\eta(t, a_1) - \eta(t, a_1)| = 1.188$



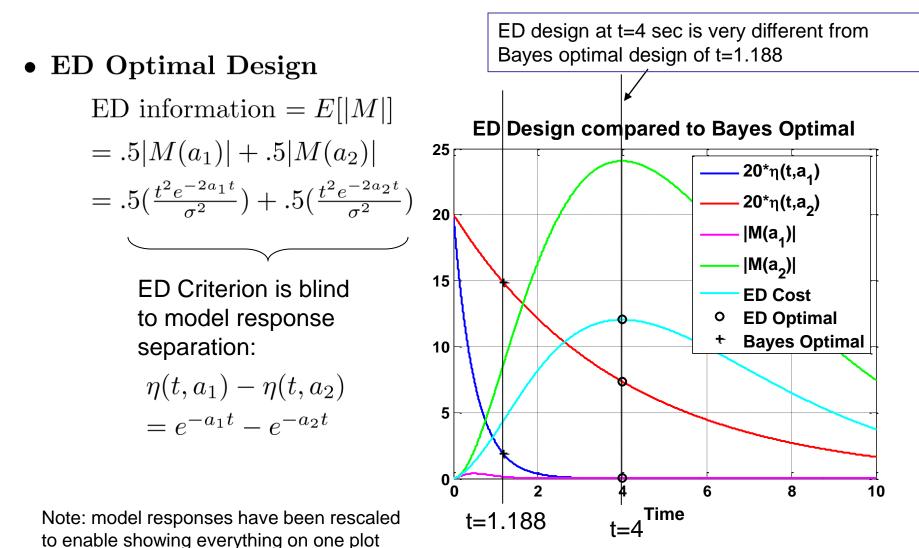
MMopt for 2-Model Example

 $\text{MMopt} = \arg\min_t \ p_1^{\frac{1}{2}} p_2^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-k(1,2)} + p_2^{\frac{1}{2}} p_1^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-k(2,1)} = \arg\min_t \ e^{-(\eta(t,a_1) - \eta(t,a_2))^2/(8\sigma^2)}$

- Take negative-log since monotonic: $MMopt = \arg \max_t |\eta(t, a_1) \eta(t, a_2)|$
- MMopt directly maximizes $r(t) = |\eta(t, a_1) \eta(t, a_1)|$ response separation
- Hence, MMopt sample is at t = 1.188 which is same as Bayes Optimal Design



ED Design for 2-Model Example



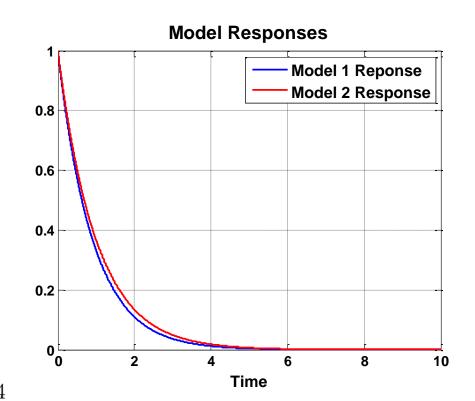
2-Model Results

Design Metric	Sample Time	Bayes Risk
Bayes Optimal	1.188	0.1393
MMOpt	1.188	0.1393
ED	4.000	0.2701
EID	0.5600	0.1827
ΑΡΙ	0.8890	0.1462

- MMopt has smallest Bayes Risk of all designs studied
- <u>Observation</u>: ED metric is blind to the underlying classification problem
 - Misses importance of maximizing the response difference $|\eta(t, a_1) \eta(t, a_2)|$, which requires analyzing model responses jointly.
- Above observation applies to ED, EID, ELD, and any other information metric that simply takes an expectation over individual model information.
- As desired for classification, MMopt directly maximizes response difference $|\eta(t, a_1) \eta(t, a_2)|$ and agrees exactly with Bayes optimal design for this problem

2-Models with Close Parameters

- 2-Model with Close Dynamics $y_i = \eta(t_i, a) + \sigma n_i$ $\eta(t, a) = e^{-at}$ $a = a_1 = 1.1$ (fast model) $a = a_2 = 1$ (slow model) $\sigma = 0.3$ Prior: $p_1 = .5, p_2 = .5$
- Individual D-Optimal Designs Fast Model: $t = 1/a_1 = 0.9091$ Slow Model: $t = 1/a_2 = 1$ *A-prior* Mean Model: $t = 1/\overline{a} = 0.9524$ $\overline{a} = (a_1 + a_2)/2$



Results for 2-Models with Close Parameters

Design Metric	Sample Time	Bayes Risk
Bayes Optimal	0.9530	0.4767
MMOpt	0.9530	0.4767
ED	0.9570	0.4767
EID	0.9480	0.4767
API	0.9520	0.4767
D-Optimal	0.9524	0.4767

- MMopt agrees exactly with Bayes optimal design for this problem
- Designs (ED, EID, API, D-Optimal) are close to Bayes Optimal design
- Not coincidence: for two model responses close enough to differ by a <u>first-order approximation</u> in a Taylor expansion:
 - Maximizing Model response separation is similar to maximizing Fisher information
 - Goals of classification and parameter estimation are very similar
- Result (see Appendix): For the 2-Model example, the D-Optimal design (designed for a-prior mean ā = (a₁ + a₂)/2) approaches the MMopt design (and Bayes Optimal Design) asymptotically as the a-prior parameter uncertainty Δa = a₂ a₁ becomes small

4-Model Example

- Example where Bayes Optimal Design is too difficult to compute
- Demonstrates usefulness of MMopt design

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• Two-Parameters
$$a, b$$

 $y_i = \eta(t_i, a, b) + \sigma n_i$
 $\eta(t, a, b) = be^{-at}$
 $n_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$
 $\sigma = 0.1$
• Prior: $p_i = .25$, $i = 1, ..., 4$
Model Parameters
 $\#$ a b
 $1 \ 2 \ 2.625$
 $2 \ 1 \ 0.6$
Model Responses
• Grid points t=0.05 apart
• Designs optimized over time grid
 $0.5 \ 1 \ 1.5 \ 2 \ 2.5 \ 3 \ 3.5 \ 4$

time (s)

4-Model Results

Design Metric	2-Sample Times		Bayes Risk	Bayes Risk
				99%Conf *
MMOpt	0.45	1.4	0.32839	+/- 0.00070
ED	0	0.8	0.37028	+/- 0.00070
EID	0	1	0.36044	+/- 0.00072
API	0	0.95	0.36234	+/- 0.00072

Design Metric	3-Sample Times		Bayes Risk	Bayes Risk	
				99% Conf *	
MMOpt	0.45	1.4	1.4	0.28065	+/- 0.00067
ED	0	0.7	0.9	0.32048	+/- 0.00067
EID	0	0	1	0.36034	+/- 0.00072
ΑΡΙ	0	0.85	0.105	0.3099	+/- 0.00069

- MMopt has smallest Bayes Risk of all designs studied
- Bayes optimal design is too difficult to compute for this problem
- * evaluated based on Monte Carlo analysis using 1,400,000 runs per estimate

Experiment Design under Reparametrization

• Typical PK Parameters

- V Volume of Distribution
- ${\cal K}~$ Elimination Rate
- C~ Clearance $\left(C=VK\right)$
- **PK** Parametrization 1: Volume and Elimination (V, K)
 - $\dot{x} = -Kx + d$, Drug amount x, Dose d

 $\eta_i = \frac{x(t_i)}{V}, \quad \text{Drug concentration at time } t_i$

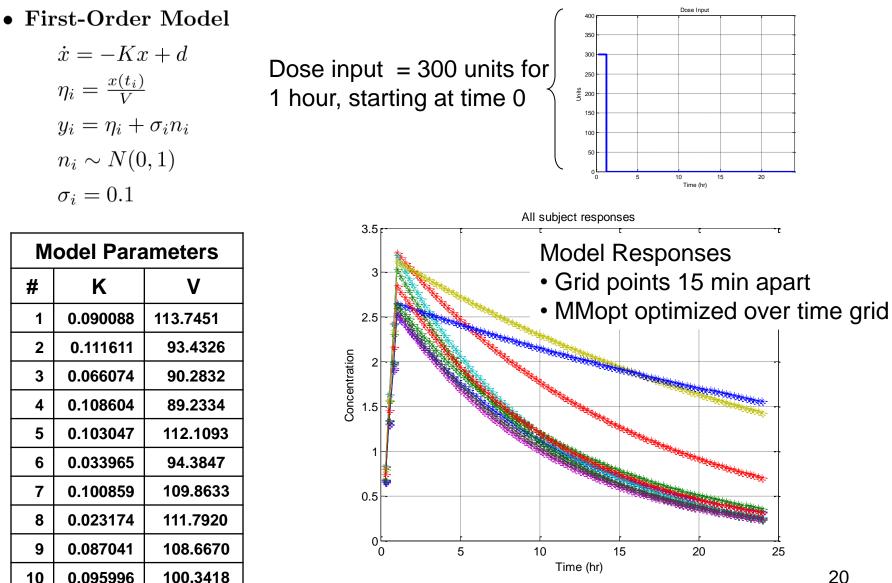
• PK Parametrization 2: Volume and Clearance (V, C)

 $\dot{x} = -(C/V)x + d$, Drug amount x, Dose d

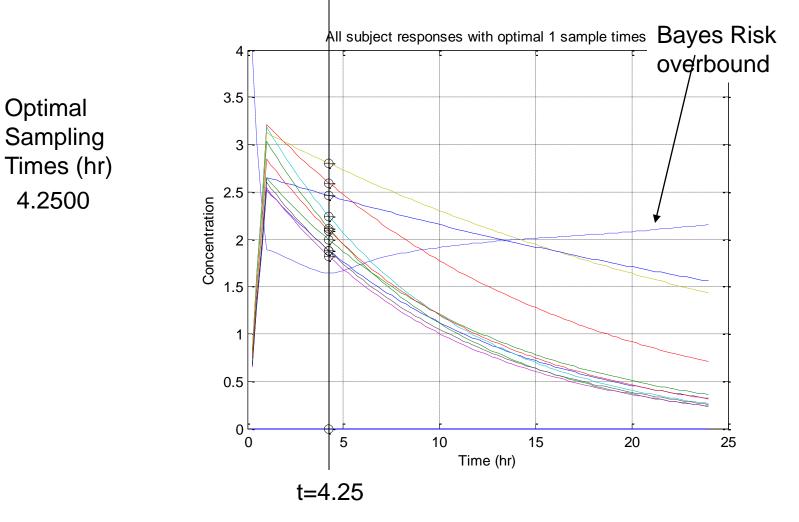
 $\eta_i = \frac{x(t_i)}{V}$, Drug concentration at time t_i

- Experiment Design under Nonlinear Reparametrization
- ED and EID designs are NOT invariant under nonlinear reparametrization (see Appendix)
 - In PK example above, ED and EID give different designs depending on whether the (V,K) or (V,C) parametrization is used
- API and MMopt designs are <u>invariant</u> under nonlinear reparametrization (see Appendix)
 - "log" in API metric enables invariance (decouples expectation of product into sum)
 - MMopt uses model responses directly rather than forming Fisher Matrix

PK Population Model with 10 Multiple Model Points - First-Order PK Model



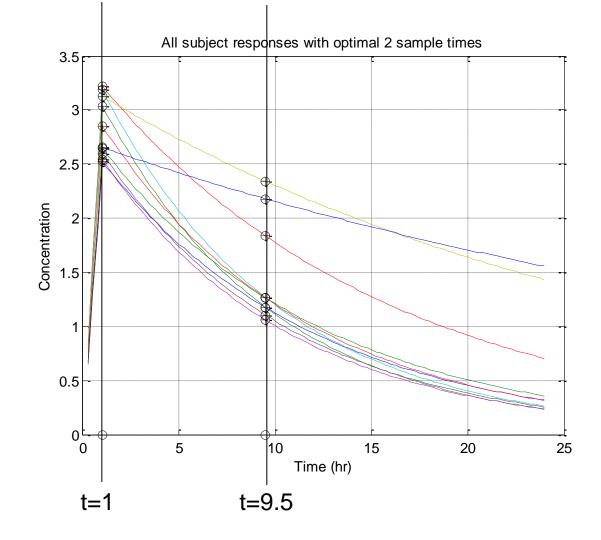
Example of MMopt Design with 10 Models 1-Sample-Time Case



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Example of MMopt Design with 10 Models 2-Sample-Time Case

Optimal
 Sampling Times
 (hr)
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 9.5000



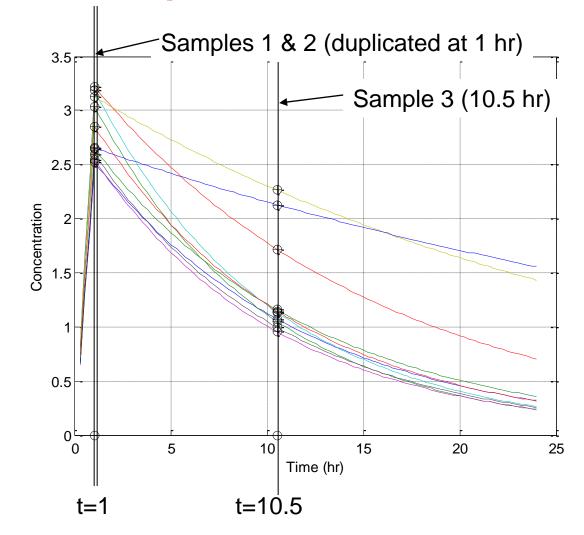
Example of MMopt Design with 10 Models: 3-Sample-Time Case

 Optimal Sampling Times (hr)

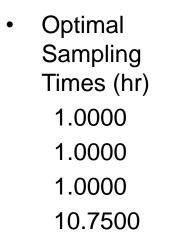
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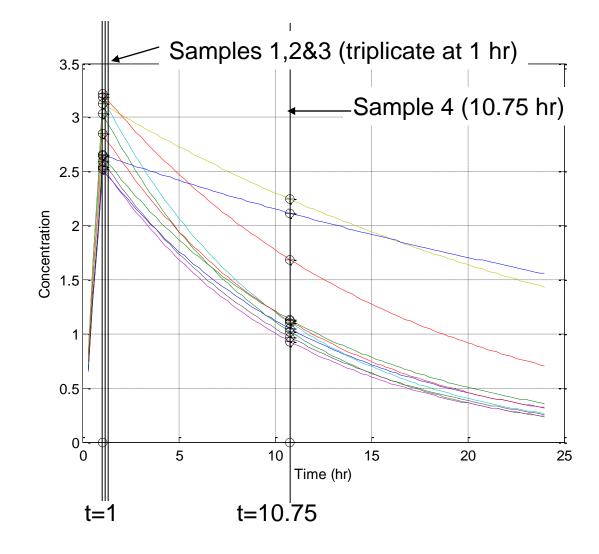
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Example of MMopt Design with 10 Models: 4-Sample-Time Case





Comparison Table

	ED	EID	API	MMopt
Invariant under regular <u>linear</u> reparametrization*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Invariant under regular <u>nonlinear</u> reparametrization*	No	No	Yes	Yes
Allows taking fewer than p samples, p= # of parameters	No	Νο	Νο	Yes
Can handle heterogeneous model structures	No	Νο	No	Yes
Gives known optimal solution to 2-model example	No	Νο	No	Yes
Captures main elements of minimizing Bayes risk	No	Νο	Νο	Yes

*Proved in Appendix

Summary

- Multiple Model Optimal Design (MMOpt) provides an alternative to Fisher-Information Matrix based design
 - Particularly attractive for Nonparametric Models (MM discrete prior)
 - Based on true MM formulation of the problem (i.e., classification theory)
 - Has many advantages relative to ED, EID and API (see Table summary)
 - Based on recent theoretical overbound on Bayes Risk (Blackmore et. al. 2008)

• Advantages of MMopt shown using simple 2-Model example

- Both Bayes Optimal design and MMopt maximize Model Response Separation
- MMopt identical to Bayes Optimal Sample design for this problem
- ED, EID and API did not perform well in terms of Bayes Risk unless a-priori parameter uncertainty is chosen small
- Shown that goals of classification and parameter estimation become asymptotically similar as prior parameter uncertainty becomes vanishingly small

• ED, EID and API designs do not explicitly consider model response separation

- Blind to the underlying classification problem
- Not as well-suited for nonparametric models
- MMopt captures essential elements of Bayes Risk minimization without the excessive computation
 - Targeted to be included in a future release of the USC BestDose software

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APPENDIX

Properties of ED-class Designs under Regular* Reparametrization (1/4)

• Fisher Matrix for Parameter vector a

$$M_a(a,\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{1}{\sigma_i(a)^2} \left[\frac{\partial \eta(t_i,a)}{\partial a} \frac{\partial \eta(t_i,a)}{\partial a^T} \right]$$

where,

 $y_i = \eta(t_i, a) + \sigma_i(a)n_i$, Noisy measurement at time t_i $n_i \sim N(0, 1)$, Gaussian measurement noise $\xi = \{t_1, ..., t_m\}$, Experiment design (sampling)

• Evaluate on $a = a_o$

$$M_a(a_o,\xi) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} M_a(a,\xi) \bigg|_{a=a_o} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\sigma_i(a_o)^2} \left[\frac{\partial \eta(t_i,a)}{\partial a} \frac{\partial \eta(t_i,a)}{\partial a^T} \right] \bigg|_{a=a_o}$$

- Fisher Matrix for Parameter vector b $M_b(b,\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\sigma_i(b)^2} \left[\frac{\partial \eta(t_i,b)}{\partial b} \frac{\partial \eta(t_i,b)}{\partial b^T} \right]$
- Under Regular Reparameterization* a = f(b) can show $M_b(b,\xi) = T^T(b) \ M_a(f(b),\xi) \ T(b)$ $T(b) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \frac{\partial f(b)}{\partial b^T}$, Differential matrix of transformation Take determinant, $|M_b(b,\xi)| = J(b)^2 |M_a(f(b),\xi)|$ $J(b) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} |T(b)|$, Jacobian of transformation
 - *Mapping a = f(b) is one-to-one and has continuous partial derivatives

Properties of Robust D-Optimal Designs under Regular Reparametrization (2/4)

• Robust D-Optimal Designs for Parameter Vector a

ED: $\xi_a^{ED} \triangleq \arg \max_{\xi} E_a \left(\left| M_a(a,\xi) \right| \right)$ EID: $\xi_a^{EID} \triangleq \arg \min_{\xi} E_a \left(\frac{1}{|M_a(a,\xi)|} \right)$ API: $\xi_a^{API} \triangleq \arg \max_{\xi} E_a \left(\log \left| M_a(a,\xi) \right| \right)$

- Robust D-Optimal Designs under Regular Reparametrization a = f(b)
- Fisher Matrix M assumed to be non-constant function of a (i.e., nonlinear problems)
- Case I: Mapping a = f(b) is nonlinear

J(b) is non-constant function of b

- Case II: Mapping a = f(b) = Fb is linear

J(b) = |F| = const, where $F \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ is a square invertible matrix

• Next slides will prove results in following table:

	ED	EID	ELD
Invariant under regular <u>linear</u> reparametrization	Yes	Yes	Yes
Invariant under regular nonlinear reparametrization	No	No	Yes

Properties of Robust D-Optimal Designs under Regular Reparametrization (3/4)

- Case I: Mapping a = f(b) is nonlinear
- ED Design

$$\xi_b^{ED} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \arg\max_{\xi} E_b\left(\left|M_b(b,\xi)\right|\right) = \arg\max_{\xi} E_b\left(\left|J(b)^2|M_a(f(b),\xi)\right|\right)$$
$$= \arg\max_{\xi} E_a\left(\left|J(f^{-1}(a))^2|M_a(a,\xi)\right|\right) \neq \arg\max_{\xi} E_a\left(\left|M_a(a,\xi)\right|\right) = \xi_a^{ED}$$
Hence, $\xi^{ED} \neq \xi^{ED}$ and ED design is NOT invariant under regular poplinger re-

Hence, $\xi_b^{ED} \neq \xi_a^{ED}$ and <u>ED</u> design is NOT invariant under regular nonlinear reparametrization

- ED Design

$$\xi_b^{EID} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \arg\min_{\xi} E_b \left(\frac{1}{|M_b(b,\xi)|} \right) = \arg\min_{\xi} E_b \left(\frac{1}{|J(b)^2|M_a(f(b),\xi)|} \right)$$
$$= \arg\min_{\xi} E_a \left(\frac{1}{|J(f^{-1}(a))^2|M_a(a,\xi)|} \right) \neq \arg\min_{\xi} E_a \left(\frac{1}{|M_a(a,\xi)|} \right) = \xi_a^{EID}$$

Hence, $\xi_b^{EID} \neq \xi_a^{EID}$ and EID design is NOT invariant under regular nonlinear reparametrization

- API Design

$$\xi_{b}^{API} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \arg \max_{\xi} E_{b} \left(\log \left| M_{b}(b,\xi) \right| \right) = \arg \max_{\xi} E_{b} \left(\log \left(J(b)^{2} | M_{a}(f(b),\xi) | \right) \right)$$
$$= \arg \max_{\xi} \left(2E_{b} \log J(b) + E_{a} \log | M_{a}(a,\xi) | \right) = \arg \max_{\xi} E_{a} \log | M_{a}(a,\xi) | = \xi_{a}^{API}$$
$$\text{Hence, } \xi_{b}^{API} = \xi_{a}^{API} \text{ and } \underline{\text{API design IS invariant under regular nonlinear reparametrization}}$$

Properties of Robust D-Optimal Designs under Regular Reparametrization (4/4)

- Case II: Mapping a = f(b) = Fb is linear
- ED Design

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_b^{ED} &\stackrel{\Delta}{=} \arg \max_{\xi} E_b \left(\left| M_b(b,\xi) \right| \right) = \arg \max_{\xi} E_b \left(\left| J(b)^2 | M_a(f(b),\xi) \right| \right) \\ &= \arg \max_{\xi} E_a \left(\left| F |^2 | M_a(a,\xi) \right| \right) = \arg \max_{\xi} E_a \left(\left| M_a(a,\xi) \right| \right) = \xi_a^{ED} \\ &\text{Hence, } \xi_b^{ED} = \xi_a^{ED} \text{ and } \underline{\text{ED design IS invariant under regular linear reparametrization} \end{aligned}$$

- EID Design

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_b^{EID} &\triangleq \arg\min_{\xi} E_b \left(\frac{1}{|M_b(b,\xi)|} \right) = \arg\min_{\xi} E_b \left(\frac{1}{|J(b)^2|M_a(f(b),\xi)|} \right) \\ &= \arg\min_{\xi} E_a \left(\frac{1}{|F|^2|M_a(a,\xi)|} \right) = \arg\min_{\xi} E_a \left(\frac{1}{|M_a(a,\xi)|} \right) = \xi_a^{EID} \\ &\text{Hence, } \xi_b^{EID} = \xi_a^{EID} \text{ and } \underline{\text{EID design IS invariant}} \text{ under regular linear reparametrization} \end{aligned}$$

- API Design

$$\xi_b^{API} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \arg \max_{\xi} E_b \left(\log \left| M_b(b,\xi) \right| \right) = \arg \max_{\xi} E_b \left(\log \left(J(b)^2 |M_a(f(b),\xi)| \right) \right)$$
$$= \arg \max_{\xi} \left(2E_b \log |F| + E_a \log |M_a(a,\xi)| \right) = \arg \max_{\xi} E_a \log |M_a(a,\xi)| = \xi_a^{API}$$
Hence, $\xi_b^{API} = \xi_a^{API}$ and API design IS invariant under regular nonlinear reparametrization

Relation Between MMopt and Fisher Matrix in 2-Model Example with Close Parameters

• Assume model responses $\eta(t, a_1)$ and $\eta(t, a_2)$ can be expanded in a Taylor series about the mean parameter $\overline{a} = (a_1 + a_2)/2$

$$\eta(t, a_2) = \eta(t, \overline{a}) + \frac{\partial \eta(t, a)}{\partial a}|_{a=\overline{a}}(a_2 - \overline{a}) + O(a_2 - \overline{a})^2$$
$$\eta(t, a_1) = \eta(t, \overline{a}) + \frac{\partial \eta(t, a)}{\partial a}|_{a=\overline{a}}(a_1 - \overline{a}) + O(a_1 - \overline{a})^2$$

• Subtract Taylor expansions and rearrange using $\Delta a = a_2 - a_1$

$$\eta(t, a_2) - \eta(t, a_1) = \frac{\partial \eta(t, a)}{\partial a}|_{a=\overline{a}} \Delta a + O(\Delta a)^2$$
$$(\eta(t, a_2) - \eta(t, a_1))^2 = \left(\frac{\partial \eta(t, a)}{\partial a}|_{a=\overline{a}}\right)^2 (\Delta a)^2 + O(\Delta a)^3$$
$$\frac{(\eta(t, a_2) - \eta(t, a_1))^2}{(\Delta a)^2} = \left(\frac{\partial \eta(t, a)}{\partial a}|_{a=\overline{a}}\right)^2 + O(\Delta a)$$

• Last equation relates MMopt Cost to D-Optimal cost, i.e.,

-log MMopt Cost = const $|M(\overline{a})| + O(\Delta a)$

• Result: For the 2-Model example, the D-Optimal design (designed for *a-prior* mean $\overline{a} = (a_1+a_2)/2$) approaches the MMopt design (and Bayes Optimal Design) asymptotically as the *a-prior* parameter uncertainty $\Delta a = a_2 - a_1$ becomes small