Response Surface Methodology and Computer Experiments

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Classes: MWF 11:00–11:50 AM in 308 Woolf Hall.
Office Hours: Tu 3:30–5:00 PM, F 3:30–5:00 PM, and by appointment.
Prerequisite: IE 6308.

Description: Empirical model building and process optimization using experimental design and statistical modeling. First half of course covers first and second order models and designs, multiresponse experiments and mixture experiments. Second half of course introduces designs based on Latin hypercubes, orthogonal arrays, and number-theoretic methods; and models using kriging, multivariate adaptive regression splines, and neural networks.

Student Learning Objectives: At the end of this course, students should be able to: (1) execute response surface methodology, (2) design and conduct a computer experiment for a software code, and (3) conduct a computer experiment analysis.

Course References:

Supplemental References:

Projects: There will be two projects, each consisting of two parts: the proposal and the full report. Project 1 will require a study using classical response surface methodology. Project 2 will require development of a (simple) computer experiment followed by appropriate design and analysis. For the proposals, you must clearly state the problem of interest, describe the variables to be studied, and explain details on data collection. Actual data is not required in the proposal. For Project 2, choices of experimental design and statistical model must be specified. The full report should include data and analysis with good discussion and should be typewritten.

Oral Presentation: Each student will be required to prepare and present a presentation. The presentation can be on any topic related to the course or on the student’s research. Time length for the presentation will depend on the number of students in the class, but will not exceed 30 minutes.
**Attendance:** At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required but attendance is a critical indicator in student success. Each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section, attendance will be required at the student presentations in order to receive full credit for the oral presentation component.

**Regrading Policy:** If you would like an assignment regraded, you must submit a written statement which clearly explains the reason you would like a regrade. If an assignment is submitted for regrading, I reserve the right to regrade the *entire* assignment.

**Expectations for Out-of-Class Study:** Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional 9 hours per week of their own time in course-related activities, including reviewing lecture content, reading required materials, completing assignments, etc.

**Grade Grievances:** Any appeal of a grade in this course must follow the procedures and deadlines for grade-related grievances as published in the current graduate catalog.

**Academic Integrity:** Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

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**Drop Policy:** Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student’s responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships ([http://wweb.uta.edu/ces/fao](http://wweb.uta.edu/ces/fao)).

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Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) www.uta.edu/caps/ or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

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**Electronic Communication:** UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php.

**Campus Carry:** Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/.

**Student Feedback Survey:** At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory shall be directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through Mav-Mail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each students feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlingtons effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit http://www.uta.edu/sfs.
**Final Review Week:** For semester-long courses, a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities, such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week, *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

**Emergency Exit Procedures:** Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit, which is located down the hall from the classroom. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist handicapped individuals.

**Grading (tentative):**
- 40% RSM Project: ideas due Friday, September 15th, report due Wednesday, October 18th.
- 40% DACE Project: discussion Wednesday, November 1st, report due Wednesday, December 13th.
- 20% Presentations: special lectures and during finals period, if necessary,

**Course Schedule:** Approximate number of lectures is given in parentheses. Class time will also be used for student presentations.

1. Response Surface Methodology (RSM)
   - 1.1 Introduction: Dean and Voss (1999), 16.1 (1 lecture)
   - 1.2 First-Order Models: Dean and Voss (1999), 16.2 (4 lectures)
   - 1.3 Second Order Models: Dean and Voss (1999), 16.3–16.7 (6 lectures)
   - 1.4 Multiresponse Experiments: Shah et al. (2004) (1 lecture)
   - 1.5 Mixture Experiments: Mason et al. (1989), 11.4 (1 lecture)

   - 2.1 Overview (2 lectures)
   - 2.2 DACE Designs (9 lectures)
   - 2.3 DACE Models
     - 2.3.1 Kriging (4 lectures)
     - 2.3.2 Regression Trees (3 lectures)
     - 2.3.3 Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines (3 lectures)
     - 2.3.4 Artificial Neural Networks (3 lectures)
     - 2.3.5 Other Methods and Applications (3 lectures)