

## Adaptive Nonparametric Regression Model via a Global Mixing Parameter for the Multi-Response Problem

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### ABSTRACT

The modeling stage of Response Surface Methodology (RSM) involves using regression models to estimate the functional relationship between the response variable and explanatory variables, relying on data generated through an appropriate experimental design. Traditionally, Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) is employed to model the data using user-specified low-order polynomials. However, OLS performance deteriorates when the homoscedasticity assumption is violated. In the literature, semiparametric regression models are preferred for RSM as they combine the strengths of parametric and nonparametric approaches, unlike purely nonparametric models, which are more sensitive to the idiosyncrasies of RSM data. This paper proposes a novel integration of an adaptive nonparametric regression model with a locally adaptive bandwidth selector derived from the explanatory variables to achieve adequate data smoothing. The adaptive nonparametric regression model incorporates local linear regression (LLR) and a product of the optimal mixing parameter and the LLR residuals, providing a second chance to fit portions of the data not captured by the LLR model. Meanwhile, the locally adaptive bandwidth selector addresses challenges such as dimensionality, sparsity in RSM data, and cost-efficient design. In applying this approach to three types of RSM data, the novel integrated model demonstrated superior performance in terms of goodness-of-fit statistics, zero residual plots, optimization results, and simulations, when compared to OLS, Model Robust Regression 1 (MRR1), and Model Robust Regression 2 (MRR2).

### 1. Introduction

[1, 2], described Response Surface Methodology (RSM) as a statistical technique employed by engineers and industrial statisticians for experimental model building, aimed at optimizing response variables influenced by multiple explanatory variables.

RSM is appropriate for optimizing the response variable  $\mathbf{y}$  as a function of several explanatory variables  $(x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ik})$  which is given as:

$$y_i = f(x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ik}) + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

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where  $\varepsilon_i$  is the error term and assumed to be normally distributed with mean zero and variance  $\sigma^2$ . The surface as given in (1) characterized by  $f(x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ik})$  is termed a response surface [3].

### 1.1 Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)

The common method for estimating the parameter vector is usually based on the Method of Ordinary Least Squares (OLS). The parameter vector estimates  $\hat{\beta}$  is given as:

$$\hat{\beta}^{(OLS)} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y \tag{2}$$

The estimated responses for the  $i^{th}$  location can be written as :

$$\hat{y}_i^{(OLS)} = x_i' \hat{\beta}^{(OLS)} = x_i'(X'X)^{-1}X'y, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \tag{3}$$

where  $x_i'$  is the  $i^{th}$  row of matrix  $X$ ,  $X$  is a matrix with dimension  $n \times (k + 1)$ .

$H_i = x_i'(X'X)^{-1}X'$  is the  $i^{th}$  row of the OLS ‘‘HAT’’ matrix of dimension  $n \times n$ ,  $H^{(OLS)}$ . The estimated response in the  $i^{th}$  location is given as:

$$\hat{y}^{(OLS)} = Hy. \tag{4}$$

where the matrix  $H$  is given as:

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \\ \vdots \\ H_n \end{bmatrix}, \tag{5}$$

[4, 5].

### 1.2 Model Robust Regression 1 (MRR1)

An effective model that addresses the drawbacks inherent in both parametric and nonparametric regression models is the use of semiparametric regression model, Model Robust Regression 1 (MRR1).

The mathematical expression for the MRR1 as given in [6, 7] as:

$$\hat{y}^{(MRR1)} = \lambda \hat{y}^{(LLR)} + (1 - \lambda) \hat{y}^{(OLS)} \tag{6}$$

where the parameter  $\lambda$  is the mixing parameter with an interval  $[0, 1]$ .

### 1.3 Model Robust Regression 2 (MRR2)

Model Robust Regression 2 (MRR2) combines estimates of parametric regression model to the raw data, while the nonparametric regression model portion, uses the LLR Hat matrix to fit the residuals from the estimates of parametric regression model through a mixing parameter,  $\lambda$ .

The MRR2 was developed by [8] and is expressed as:

$$\hat{y}^{(MRR2)} = \hat{y}^{(OLS)} + \lambda \hat{f}^{(LLR)}, \hat{f}^{(LLR)} = H_r^{(LLR)} r \tag{7}$$

$\lambda \in [0, 1], r = y - y^{OLS}$  is the vector of residuals that represents the structure in the data not captured by the user specified parametric regression model.

### 1.4 Optimization Phase in RSM

This process utilizes optimization tools, such as Genetic Algorithms, to identify the optimal settings of the explanatory variables that optimize the fitted regression model. In RSM, two types of optimization problems are commonly encountered: single-response optimization and multiple-response optimization. The final step in optimization is to compute the overall desirability, which is determined as the geometric mean of the individual desirability values [9, 10, 11, 13].

### 1.5 Adaptive Nonparametric Regression Model

To enhance the utilization of the flexibility of MRR2, we designate the existing adaptive nonparametric regression model as PM2 for ease of reference.

The mathematical expression of PM2 estimate,  $\hat{y}_i^{(PM2)}$  is defined by

$$\hat{y}_i^{(PM2)} = \hat{y}_i^{(LLR)} + \lambda h_i^{(LLR)} [(y_i - \hat{y}_i^{(LLR)})], i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (8)$$

The PM2 is applied in the estimation of the unknown function  $f$  in Equation (1) see [12].

### 1.6 Locally Adaptive Bandwidths Selector

The locally adaptive bandwidth selector accounts for two key aspects of RSM data: the  $k$ -th number of explanatory variables in the study and the data's sparsity, as outlined in [13]. This can be expressed mathematically as:

$$b_{ij} = T_{1j} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x_{ij}}{T_{2j}} \right)^2, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \quad (9)$$

where the locally adaptive optimal bandwidths from Equation (9) is obtained at an optimally selected values of  $T_{1j}$ ,  $T_{2j}$ , the tuning parameters (hereafter referred to as  $T_{1j}^*$  and  $T_{2j}^*$ , respectively),  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , based on the minimization of the  $PRESS^{**}$  criterion.

## 2.0 Methodology

Although the flexibility of nonparametric regression methods, their application in Response Surface Methodology (RSM) remains limited due to the unique challenges of RSM data, including the curse of dimensionality, data sparsity, and the need for cost-efficient designs. This paper introduces a novel integration of an existing adaptive nonparametric regression model with a locally adaptive bandwidth selector derived from the explanatory variables. The bandwidth selector is embedded within the kernel weight matrix of the adaptive regression model.

The existing nonparametric regression model combines a portion of Local Linear Regression (LLR) estimates with the product of an optimal mixing parameter and the residuals, thereby providing a second opportunity to fit data not captured by the LLR component. The locally adaptive bandwidth selector further addresses challenges related to dimensionality, data sparsity, and small sample sizes, as discussed in [13].

### 2.1 Integrating the adaptive nonparametric regression model and locally adaptive bandwidths

In order to address the scanty utilization of the flexibility of MRR2, we concatenate Equations (8) and (9) respectively, a novel blend or approach.

The assumptions of PM2 and locally adaptive bandwidths are given below:

1.  $x_{ij} \in [0, 1]$ , is a vector of  $k$ th explanatory variables at location  $i$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .
2. The optimal chosen tuning parameters  $T_{1j}^*, T_{2j}^* > 0$  in all  $k$  explanatory variables
3. The optimal mixing parameter  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

4. The optimal chosen bandwidths  $b_{ij} \in (0, ]$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ; for smoothing the data at location  $i$  and  $k$  explanatory variables.

The mathematical expression of PM2 estimate,  $\hat{y}_i^{(PM2)}$  is defined by

$$\hat{y}_i^{(PM2)} = \hat{y}_i^{(LLR)} + \lambda h_i^{(LLR)} [(y_i - \hat{y}_i^{(LLR)})], i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \tag{8}$$

$$b_{ij} = T_{1j} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x_{ij}}{T_{2j}} \right)^2, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$

(9)

The PM2 is applied in the estimation of the unknown function  $f$  in Equation (1). As soon as the PM2 and  $b_{ij}$  are combined to fit the data, we have a novel blend or approach which is now referred to as ANPM2 for easy referencing.

Hence, the ANPM2 estimate  $\hat{y}_i^{(ANPM2)}$  of the response is given as:

$$\hat{y}_i^{(ANPM2)} = \mathbf{x}_i^{(LLR)} (\mathbf{X}'^{(LLR)} \mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{X}^{(LLR)})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'^{(LLR)} \mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{y} + \lambda \mathbf{x}_i^{(LLR)} (\mathbf{X}'^{(LLR)} \mathbf{W}_i^* \mathbf{X}^{(LLR)})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'^{(LLR)} \mathbf{W}_i^* \left[ \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_i^{(LLR)} (\mathbf{X}'^{(LLR)} \mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{X}^{(LLR)})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'^{(LLR)} \mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{y} \right] \tag{10}$$

where  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)'$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_i^{(LLR)} = (1 \ x_{i1} \ \dots \ x_{ik})$  is the  $i^{th}$  row of the local linear regression model matrix,  $\mathbf{X}^{(LLR)}$  given as:

$$\mathbf{X}^{(LLR)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1k} \\ 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \dots & x_{nk} \end{bmatrix} \tag{11}$$

where the kernel weight matrix is given by

$$\mathbf{W}_i = \begin{bmatrix} w_{i1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & w_{i2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & w_{in} \end{bmatrix}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \tag{12}$$

[3, 12].

The kernel function  $K\left(\frac{x_{ij}-x_{1j}}{b_{ij}}\right)$  is a simplified Gaussian kernel for one explanatory variable case, given as:

$$w_{i1} = K\left(\frac{x_{ij}-x_{1j}}{b_{ij}}\right) = e^{-\left(\frac{x_{ij}-x_{1j}}{b_{ij}}\right)^2} \tag{13}$$

Otherwise, the kernel function is a product kernel given as:

$$w_{i1} = \prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{ij}-x_{1j}}{b_{ij}}\right) / \sum_{p=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{pj}-x_{1j}}{b_{ij}}\right), p = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, k, \tag{14}$$

For  $i = 1$  in Equations (10) and (12), and concatenating the existing bandwidths into the regression model to obtain a novel adaptive regression model. Thus, we have:

$$\hat{y}_1^{(ANPM2)} = x_1^{(LLR)} (X^{(LLR)} W_1 X^{(LLR)})^{-1} X^{(LLR)} W_1 y + \lambda x_1^{(LLR)} (X^{(LLR)} W_1^* X^{(LLR)})^{-1} X^{(LLR)} W_1^* [y - x_1^{(LLR)} (X^{(LLR)} W_1 X^{(LLR)})^{-1} X^{(LLR)} W_1 y] \quad (15)$$

$$W_1 = \begin{bmatrix} W_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & W_{12} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & W_{1n} \end{bmatrix}_{(n \times n)} \quad (16)$$

The entries from Equation (16) and the locally adaptive bandwidths of [13] are translated to estimate  $\hat{y}_1^{ANPM2}$ ,

$$w_{11} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{1j}-x_{1j}}{b_{ij}}\right)}{\sum_{p=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{pj}-x_{1j}}{b_{pj}}\right)}, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \quad (17)$$

$$w_{11} = \frac{e^{-\frac{(x_{11}-x_{11})^2}{b_{11}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{12}-x_{12})^2}{b_{12}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{1k}-x_{1k})^2}{b_{1k}}}}{\left[ e^{-\frac{(x_{11}-x_{11})^2}{b_{11}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{12}-x_{12})^2}{b_{12}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{1k}-x_{1k})^2}{b_{1k}}} + e^{-\frac{(x_{21}-x_{11})^2}{b_{21}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{22}-x_{12})^2}{b_{22}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{2k}-x_{1k})^2}{b_{2k}}} + \dots + e^{-\frac{(x_{n1}-x_{11})^2}{b_{n1}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{n2}-x_{12})^2}{b_{n2}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{nk}-x_{1k})^2}{b_{nk}}} \right]}$$

$$w_{12} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{2j}-x_{1j}}{b_{ij}}\right)}{\sum_{p=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{pj}-x_{1j}}{b_{pj}}\right)}, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \quad (18)$$

$$w_{12} = \frac{e^{-\frac{(x_{21}-x_{11})^2}{b_{21}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{22}-x_{12})^2}{b_{22}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{2k}-x_{1k})^2}{b_{2k}}}}{\left[ e^{-\frac{(x_{11}-x_{11})^2}{b_{11}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{12}-x_{12})^2}{b_{12}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{1k}-x_{1k})^2}{b_{1k}}} + e^{-\frac{(x_{21}-x_{11})^2}{b_{21}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{22}-x_{12})^2}{b_{22}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{2k}-x_{1k})^2}{b_{2k}}} + \dots + e^{-\frac{(x_{n1}-x_{11})^2}{b_{n1}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{n2}-x_{12})^2}{b_{n2}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{nk}-x_{1k})^2}{b_{nk}}} \right]}$$

⋮

$$w_{1n} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{nj}-x_{1j}}{b_{ij}}\right)}{\sum_{p=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{pj}-x_{1j}}{b_{pj}}\right)}, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \quad (19)$$

$$w_{1n} = \frac{e^{-\frac{(x_{n1}-x_{11})^2}{b_{n1}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{n2}-x_{12})^2}{b_{n2}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{nk}-x_{1k})^2}{b_{nk}}}}{\left[ e^{-\frac{(x_{11}-x_{11})^2}{b_{11}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{12}-x_{12})^2}{b_{12}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{1k}-x_{1k})^2}{b_{1k}}} + e^{-\frac{(x_{21}-x_{11})^2}{b_{21}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{22}-x_{12})^2}{b_{22}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{2k}-x_{1k})^2}{b_{2k}}} + \dots + e^{-\frac{(x_{n1}-x_{11})^2}{b_{n1}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{n2}-x_{12})^2}{b_{n2}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{nk}-x_{1k})^2}{b_{nk}}} \right]}$$

(20)

To estimate,  $\hat{y}_2^{ANPM2}$  set  $i = 2$  in Equation (10) and (12), we have:

$$\hat{y}_2^{(ANPM2)} = x_2^{(LLR)} (X^{(LLR)} W_2 X^{(LLR)})^{-1} X^{(LLR)} W_2 y + \lambda x_2^{(LLR)} (X^{(LLR)} W_2^* X^{(LLR)})^{-1} X^{(LLR)} W_2^* [y - x_2^{(LLR)} (X^{(LLR)} W_2 X^{(LLR)})^{-1} X^{(LLR)} W_2 y] \quad (21)$$

$$W_2 = \begin{bmatrix} W_{21} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & W_{22} & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & W_{2n} \end{bmatrix}_{(n \times n)} \quad (22)$$

The entries from Equation (22) and the locally adaptive bandwidths of [13] are translated to estimate  $\hat{y}_2^{ANPM2}$ ,

$$W_{21} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{1j}-x_{2j}}{b_{ij}}\right)}{\sum_{p=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{pj}-x_{2j}}{b_{pj}}\right)}, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \quad (23)$$

$$W_{21} = \frac{e^{-\frac{(x_{11}-x_{21})^2}{b_{11}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{12}-x_{22})^2}{b_{12}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{1k}-x_{2k})^2}{b_{1k}}}}{e^{-\frac{(x_{11}-x_{21})^2}{b_{11}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{12}-x_{22})^2}{b_{12}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{1k}-x_{2k})^2}{b_{1k}}} + e^{-\frac{(x_{21}-x_{21})^2}{b_{21}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{22}-x_{22})^2}{b_{22}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{2k}-x_{2k})^2}{b_{2k}}} + \dots + e^{-\frac{(x_{n1}-x_{21})^2}{b_{n1}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{n2}-x_{22})^2}{b_{n2}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{nk}-x_{2k})^2}{b_{nk}}}} \quad (24)$$

$$W_{22} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{2j}-x_{2j}}{b_{ij}}\right)}{\sum_{p=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{pj}-x_{2j}}{b_{pj}}\right)}, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \quad (25)$$

$$W_{22} = \frac{e^{-\frac{(x_{21}-x_{21})^2}{b_{21}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{22}-x_{22})^2}{b_{22}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{2k}-x_{2k})^2}{b_{2k}}}}{e^{-\frac{(x_{11}-x_{21})^2}{b_{11}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{12}-x_{22})^2}{b_{12}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{1k}-x_{2k})^2}{b_{1k}}} + e^{-\frac{(x_{21}-x_{21})^2}{b_{21}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{22}-x_{22})^2}{b_{22}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{2k}-x_{2k})^2}{b_{2k}}} + \dots + e^{-\frac{(x_{n1}-x_{21})^2}{b_{n1}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{n2}-x_{22})^2}{b_{n2}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{nk}-x_{2k})^2}{b_{nk}}}} \quad (26)$$

$$W_{2n} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{nj}-x_{2j}}{b_{ij}}\right)}{\sum_{p=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{pj}-x_{2j}}{b_{pj}}\right)}, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \quad (27)$$

$$W_{2n} = \frac{e^{-\frac{(x_{n1}-x_{21})^2}{b_{n1}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{n2}-x_{22})^2}{b_{n2}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{nk}-x_{2k})^2}{b_{nk}}}}{e^{-\frac{(x_{11}-x_{21})^2}{b_{11}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{12}-x_{22})^2}{b_{12}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{1k}-x_{2k})^2}{b_{1k}}} + e^{-\frac{(x_{21}-x_{21})^2}{b_{21}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{22}-x_{22})^2}{b_{22}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{2k}-x_{2k})^2}{b_{2k}}} + \dots + e^{-\frac{(x_{n1}-x_{21})^2}{b_{n1}}} e^{-\frac{(x_{n2}-x_{22})^2}{b_{n2}}} \dots e^{-\frac{(x_{nk}-x_{2k})^2}{b_{nk}}}} \quad (28)$$

To estimate,  $\hat{y}_n^{ANPM2}$  set  $i = n$  in Equation (10) and (12), we have:

$$\hat{y}_n^{(ANPM2)} = x_n^{'(LLR)} (X^{'(LLR)} W_n X^{(LLR)})^{-1} X^{'(LLR)} W_n y + \lambda x_n^{'(LLR)} (X^{'(LLR)} W_n^* X^{(LLR)})^{-1} X^{'(LLR)} W_n^* \left[ y - x_n^{'(LLR)} (X^{(LLR)} W_n X^{(LLR)})^{-1} X^{(LLR)} W_n y \right]$$

$$W_n = \begin{bmatrix} W_{n1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & W_{n2} & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & W_{nn} \end{bmatrix}_{(n \times n)} \quad (29)$$

The entries from Equation (29) and the locally adaptive bandwidths of [13] are translated to estimate  $\hat{y}_n^{ANPM2}$ ,

$$w_{n1} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{1j}-x_{nj}}{b_{ij}}\right)}{\sum_{p=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{pj}-x_{nj}}{b_{pj}}\right)}, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \quad (30)$$

$w_{n1} =$

$$\frac{e^{-\left(\frac{x_{11}-x_{n1}}{b_{11}}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x_{12}-x_{n2}}{b_{12}}\right)^2} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{x_{1k}-x_{nk}}{b_{1k}}\right)^2}}{\left[ e^{-\left(\frac{x_{11}-x_{n1}}{b_{11}}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x_{12}-x_{n2}}{b_{12}}\right)^2} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{x_{1k}-x_{nk}}{b_{1k}}\right)^2} + e^{-\left(\frac{x_{21}-x_{n1}}{b_{21}}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x_{22}-x_{n2}}{b_{22}}\right)^2} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{x_{2k}-x_{nk}}{b_{2k}}\right)^2} + \dots + e^{-\left(\frac{x_{n1}-x_{n1}}{b_{n1}}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x_{n2}-x_{n2}}{b_{n2}}\right)^2} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{x_{nk}-x_{nk}}{b_{nk}}\right)^2} \right]} \quad (31)$$

$$w_{n2} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{2j}-x_{nj}}{b_{ij}}\right)}{\sum_{p=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{pj}-x_{nj}}{b_{pj}}\right)}, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \quad (32)$$

$w_{n2} =$

$$\frac{e^{-\left(\frac{x_{21}-x_{n1}}{b_{21}}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x_{22}-x_{n2}}{b_{22}}\right)^2} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{x_{2k}-x_{nk}}{b_{2k}}\right)^2}}{\left[ e^{-\left(\frac{x_{11}-x_{n1}}{b_{11}}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x_{12}-x_{n2}}{b_{12}}\right)^2} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{x_{1k}-x_{nk}}{b_{1k}}\right)^2} + e^{-\left(\frac{x_{21}-x_{n1}}{b_{21}}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x_{22}-x_{n2}}{b_{22}}\right)^2} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{x_{2k}-x_{nk}}{b_{2k}}\right)^2} + \dots + e^{-\left(\frac{x_{n1}-x_{n1}}{b_{n1}}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x_{n2}-x_{n2}}{b_{n2}}\right)^2} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{x_{nk}-x_{nk}}{b_{nk}}\right)^2} \right]} \quad (33)$$

$$w_{nn} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{nj}-x_{nj}}{b_{ij}}\right)}{\sum_{p=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^k K\left(\frac{x_{pj}-x_{nj}}{b_{pj}}\right)}, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \quad (34)$$

$w_{nn} =$

$$\frac{e^{-\left(\frac{x_{n1}-x_{n1}}{b_{n1}}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x_{n2}-x_{n2}}{b_{n2}}\right)^2} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{x_{nk}-x_{nk}}{b_{nk}}\right)^2}}{\left[ e^{-\left(\frac{x_{11}-x_{n1}}{b_{11}}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x_{12}-x_{n2}}{b_{12}}\right)^2} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{x_{1k}-x_{nk}}{b_{1k}}\right)^2} + e^{-\left(\frac{x_{21}-x_{n1}}{b_{21}}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x_{22}-x_{n2}}{b_{22}}\right)^2} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{x_{2k}-x_{nk}}{b_{2k}}\right)^2} + \dots + e^{-\left(\frac{x_{n1}-x_{n1}}{b_{n1}}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x_{n2}-x_{n2}}{b_{n2}}\right)^2} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{x_{nk}-x_{nk}}{b_{nk}}\right)^2} \right]} \quad (35)$$

with respective diagonal matrices of kernel weights,  $W_2, W_3, \dots, W_n$  follows pattern from Equations (30, 32 and 34).

Using matrix notation, the ANPM2 can be expressed as:

$$\hat{y}^{(ANPM2)} = \begin{bmatrix} h_1^{(LLR)} y + \lambda h_1^{(LLR)} (y - (h_1^{(LLR)} y)) \\ h_2^{(LLR)} y + \lambda h_2^{(LLR)} (y - (h_2^{(LLR)} y)) \\ \vdots \\ h_n^{(LLR)} y + \lambda h_n^{(LLR)} (y - (h_n^{(LLR)} y)) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (36)$$

$$\hat{y}^{(ANPM2)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{h}_1^{(LLR)} + \lambda \mathbf{h}_1^{(LLR)} (\mathbf{I} - (\mathbf{h}_1^{(LLR)})) \\ \mathbf{h}_2^{(LLR)} + \lambda \mathbf{h}_2^{(LLR)} (\mathbf{I} - (\mathbf{h}_2^{(LLR)})) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{h}_n^{(LLR)} + \lambda \mathbf{h}_n^{(LLR)} (\mathbf{I} - (\mathbf{h}_n^{(LLR)})) \end{bmatrix} y, \tag{37}$$

$$\hat{y}^{(ANPM2)} = \mathbf{H}^{(ANPM2)} y, \tag{38}$$

where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix, the  $1 \times n$  vector

$\mathbf{h}_i^{(LLR)} + \lambda \mathbf{h}_i^{(LLR)} (\mathbf{I} - (\mathbf{h}_i^{(LLR)}))$  is the  $i^{th}$  row of the  $n \times n$  ANPM2 Hat matrix  $\mathbf{H}^{(ANPM2)}$ .

Using matrix notation, the ANPM2 estimate of the response is given as:

$$\hat{y}^{(ANPM2)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{h}_1^{(ANPM2)} \\ \mathbf{h}_2^{(ANPM2)} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{h}_n^{(ANPM2)} \end{bmatrix} y, \tag{39}$$

$$\hat{y}^{(ANPM2)} = \mathbf{H}^{(ANPM2)} y, \tag{40}$$

where  $\mathbf{h}_i^{(ANPM2)} = \mathbf{h}_i^{(LLR)} + \lambda \mathbf{h}_i^{(LLR)} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{h}_i^{(LLR)})$  is the  $i^{th}$  row of the  $n \times n$  ANPM2 Hat matrix  $\mathbf{H}^{(ANPM2)}$ .

### 3.0 Application (Minced Fish Quality Data)

The Minced Fish Quality Data is presented in [3]. The problem seeks the setting of three explanatory variables  $x_1$  (washing temperature),  $x_2$ (washing time) and  $x_3$  (washing ratio of water volume to sample weight) that would optimize four aspect of quality of minced fish, namely, springiness ( $y_1$ ), thiobarbituric acid number ( $y_2$ ), cooking loss ( $y_3$ ), and whiteness index ( $y_4$ ).

Based on the process requirements, a CCD was conducted to establish the design experiment and observed responses as presented in Table 1.

Table 1: The Minced Fish Quality Data generated through CCD

$i$	CODED LEVELS			$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$
	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$				
1	-1	-1	-1	1.83	29.31	29.50	50.36
2	1	-1	-1	1.73	39.32	19.40	48.16
3	-1	1	-1	1.85	25.16	25.70	50.72
4	1	1	-1	1.67	40.18	27.10	49.69
5	-1	-1	1	1.86	29.82	21.40	50.09
6	1	-1	1	1.77	32.20	24.00	50.61
7	-1	1	1	1.88	22.01	19.60	50.36
8	1	1	1	1.66	40.02	25.10	50.42
9	-	0	0	1.81	33.00	24.20	29.31
10	1.682	0	0	1.37	51.59	30.60	50.67



11	0	- 1.682	0	1.85	20.35	20.90	48.75
12	0	1.682	0	1.92	20.53	18.90	52.70
13	0	0	- 1.682	1.88	23.85	23.00	50.19
14	0	0	1.682	1.90	20.16	21.20	50.86
15	0	0	0	1.89	21.72	18.50	50.84
16	0	0	0	1.88	21.21	18.60	50.93
17	0	0	0	1.87	21.55	16.80	50.98

Source: [3].

### 3.1.2. Transformation of Data from Central Composite Design (CCD)

In nonparametric regression techniques for RSM, the explanatory variable values are scaled to range between 0 and 1. Data collected through a Central Composite Design (CCD) is transformed using the following mathematical relation:

$$x_{new} = \frac{Min(x_{old}) - x_0}{(Min(x_{old}) - Max(x_{old}))} \tag{41}$$

where  $x_{new}$  is the transformed value,  $x_0$  is the target value that needed to be transformed in the vector containing the old coded value, represented as  $x_{old}$ ,  $Min(x_{old})$  and  $Max(x_{old})$  are the minimum and maximum values in the vector  $x_{old}$  respectively, [14].

The natural or coded variables in Table 1 are transformed to explanatory variables in Table 2 using Equation (41)

Target points needed to be transformed for location 1 under the coded variables are given below:

Target points  $x_0$ :  $-1, -1, -1$ ;  $Min(x_{old})$ :  $-1.682, -1.682, -1.682$ ;  $Max(x_{old})$ :  $1.682, 1.682, 1.682$

$$x_{new} = \frac{Min(x_{old}) - x_0}{(Min(x_{old}) - Max(x_{old}))}$$

$$\text{Explanatory variable } x_1 : x_{11} = \frac{-1.682 - (-1)}{((-1.682) - (1.682))} = 0.2030$$

$$\text{Explanatory variable } x_2 : x_{12} = \frac{-1.682 - (-1)}{((-1.682) - (1.682))} = 0.2030$$

Target points needed to be transformed for location 2 under the coded variables are given below:

Target points  $x_0$ :  $1, -1, -1$ ;  $Min(x_{old})$ :  $-1.682, -1.682, -1.682$ ;  $Max(x_{old})$ :  $1.682, 1.682, 1.682$

$$x_{new} = \frac{Min(x_{old}) - x_0}{(Min(x_{old}) - Max(x_{old}))}$$

$$\text{Explanatory variable } x_1 : x_{21} = \frac{-1.682 - (1)}{((-1.682) - (1.682))} = 0.7970$$

$$\text{Explanatory variable } x_2 : x_{22} = \frac{-1.682 - (-1)}{((-1.682) - (1.682))} = 0.2030$$

The values of the explanatory variables are transformed by the relation in Equation (41) which is coded between 0 and 1 as given in Table 2.

Table 2: The transformed Minced Fish Quality Data

<i>i</i>	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$
1	0.2030	0.2030	0.2030	1.83	29.31	29.50	50.36
2	0.7970	0.2030	0.2030	1.73	39.32	19.40	48.16
3	0.2030	0.7970	0.2030	1.85	25.16	25.70	50.72
4	0.7970	0.7970	0.2030	1.67	40.18	27.10	49.69
5	0.2030	0.2030	0.7970	1.86	29.82	21.40	50.09
6	0.7970	0.2030	0.7970	1.77	32.20	24.00	50.61
7	0.2030	0.7970	0.7970	1.88	22.01	19.60	50.36
8	0.7970	0.7970	0.7970	1.66	40.02	25.10	50.42
9	0.0000	0.5000	0.5000	1.81	33.00	24.20	29.31
10	1.0000	0.5000	0.5000	1.37	51.59	30.60	50.67
11	0.5000	0.0000	0.5000	1.85	20.35	20.90	48.75
12	0.5000	1.0000	0.5000	1.92	20.53	18.90	52.70
13	0.5000	0.5000	0.0000	1.88	23.85	23.00	50.19
14	0.5000	0.5000	1.0000	1.90	20.16	21.20	50.86
15	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000	1.89	21.72	18.50	50.84
16	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000	1.88	21.21	18.60	50.93
17	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000	1.87	21.55	16.80	50.98

The process requirements for each response given in [3] are as follows:

- Maximize  $y_1$  with lower bound  $L=1.70$ , and target value  $\phi= 1.92$ ;
- Minimize  $y_2$  with target value  $\phi =20.16$  and upper bound  $U=21.00$ ;
- Minimize  $y_3$  with target value  $\phi =16.80$ , and upper bound  $U =20.00$ ;
- Maximize  $y_4$  with lower bound  $L =45.00$ , and target value  $\phi =50.98$ .

In the minced fish quality data as given in section 3.0 4, we seek to show the performance of  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  over  $OLS$ ,  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$  based on the goodness-of-fit statistics and the process requirements.

Table 3 represents the mixing parameters for the multi-response minced fish quality data and the values of the mixing parameters are obtained via genetic algorithm tool in MATLAB 7.10.0.499 (R2010a).

Table 3: Mixing Parameters of different models for Minced Fish Quality Data

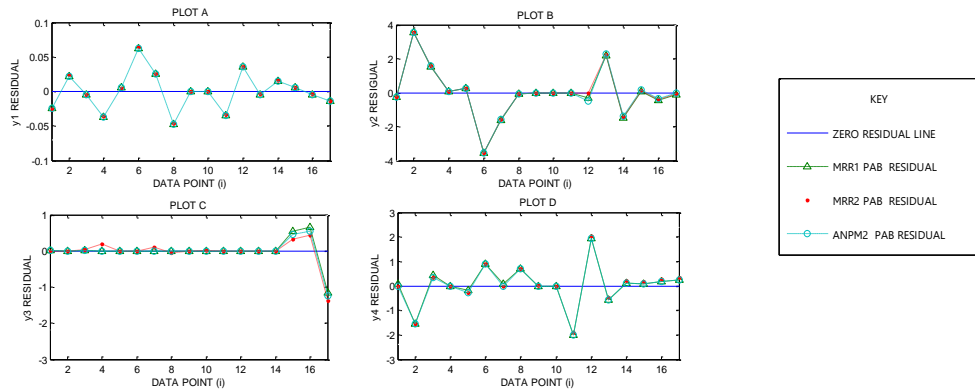
Response	Model	$\lambda$
$y_1$	<i>OLS</i>	NOT APPLICABLE
	$MRR1_{PAB}$	1.0000
	$MRR2_{PAB}$	1.0000
	$ANPM2_{PAB}$	1.0000
$y_2$	<i>OLS</i>	NOT APPLICABLE
	$MRR1_{PAB}$	0.7085
	$MRR2_{PAB}$	1.0000
	$ANPM2_{PAB}$	0.9631
$y_3$	<i>OLS</i>	NOT APPLICABLE
	$MRR1_{PAB}$	0.9320
	$MRR2_{PAB}$	1.0000
	$ANPM2_{PAB}$	0.1318
$y_4$	<i>OLS</i>	NOT APPLICABLE
	$MRR1_{PAB}$	0.9999
	$MRR2_{PAB}$	1.0000
	$ANPM2_{PAB}$	0.0900

Table 4: Model goodness –of- fit of the Minced Fish Quality Data

Response	Model	<i>DF</i>	<i>PRESS</i> **	<i>PRESS</i>	<i>SSE</i>	<i>MSE</i>	$R^2(\%)$	$R^2_{Adj}(\%)$
$y_1$	<i>OLS</i>	14.0000	-	-	0.0231	0.0017	92.1250	91.0000
	$MRR1_{PAB}$	12.0072	0.0019	0.0497	<b>0.0123</b>	<b>0.0010</b>	94.3907	<b>95.7905</b>
	$MRR2_{PAB}$	12.0393	0.0015	0.0294	0.0124	<b>0.0010</b>	95.7900	94.4000
	$ANPM2_{PAB}$	12.0053	<b>0.0010</b>	<b>0.0272</b>	<b>0.0123</b>	<b>0.0010</b>	<b>95.7910</b>	94.3905
$y_2$	<i>OLS</i>	12.0000	-	-	90.9033	7.5753	93.3850	91.1800
	$MRR1_{PAB}$	8.2177	7.4867	162.1356	37.8103	4.6011	97.2486	94.6430
	$MRR2_{PAB}$	8.0060	10.7141	173.4754	<b>37.7558</b>	4.7159	<b>97.2500</b>	94.5100
	$ANPM2_{PAB}$	8.2934	<b>6.9898</b>	<b>151.8825</b>	38.0158	<b>4.5838</b>	97.2336	<b>94.6630</b>
$y_3$	<i>OLS</i>	9.0000	-	-	41.1338	4.5704	84.0250	71.6600
	$MRR1_{PAB}$	2.0443	8.0901	120.7925	2.0489	1.0023	99.2060	93.7860
	$MRR2_{PAB}$	2.2192	10.1660	147.5776	2.2228	<b>1.0016</b>	99.1400	<b>93.7900</b>
	$ANPM2_{PAB}$	2.0641	<b>4.7756</b>	<b>71.3928</b>	<b>2.0676</b>	1.0017	<b>99.1988</b>	93.7895
$y_4$	<i>OLS</i>	14.0000	-	-	198.8048	14.2003	54.1238	47.5700
	$MRR1_{PAB}$	12.0072	17.4184	461.3785	12.1886	1.0151	97.1875	96.2522
	$MRR2_{PAB}$	12.0214	9.5980	250.5095	12.2085	1.0156	97.1800	96.2500
	$ANPM2_{PAB}$	12.0001	<b>6.6035</b>	<b>174.8811</b>	<b>12.1387</b>	<b>1.0116</b>	<b>97.1990</b>	<b>96.2654</b>

In Table 4,  $ANPM2_{PAB}$ , outperformed  $OLS$ ,  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$  in terms of  $PRESS$  and  $PRESS^{**}$  with respect to springiness ( $y_1$ ),  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  and  $MRR1_{PAB}$  are jointly better in terms of  $SSE$  and  $MSE$ . Whereas,  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  is better in terms of  $R^2$ , and  $MRR1_{PAB}$  is better in terms of  $R^2_{Adj}$ . In terms of thiobarbituric acid number ( $y_2$ ),  $ANPM1_{PAB}$  is better with respect to  $PRESS$ ,  $PRESS^{**}$ ,  $MSE$  and  $R^2_{Adj}$  than  $OLS$ ,  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$ . while  $MRR2_{PAB}$  performed better than  $OLS$ ,  $MRR1_{PAB}$ , and  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  in terms  $SSE$  and  $R^2$ . For cooking loss ( $y_3$ ),  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  outperformed other models such as  $OLS$ ,  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$  in terms of  $PRESS$ ,  $PRESS^{**}$ ,  $SSE$  and  $R^2$  statistics while  $MRR2_{PAB}$  performed better than existing models in terms of  $MSE$  and  $R^2_{Adj}$ .

In terms of whiteness index ( $y_4$ ),  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  performed better than  $OLS$ ,  $MRR1_{PAB}$ , and  $MRR2_{PAB}$  with respect to  $PRESS$  and  $PRESS^{**}$ ,  $SSE$ ,  $MSE$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^2_{Adj}$  statistics.



**Figure 1.** Plot A: maximize Springiness; Plot B: minimize thiobarbituric acid number; Plot C: minimize Cooking Loss; Plot D: maximize whiteness Index.

The multi-response residual plots in Figure 1, is a clear indication that the models  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  both having the smallest residual response for the respective residual data points.

Table 5: Model optimal solution via the Desirability function in the minced fish data

Model	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$\hat{y}_1$	$\hat{y}_2$	$\hat{y}_3$	$\hat{y}_4$	$d1$	$d2$	$d3$	$d4$	D (%)
OLS	0.38	1.00	0.72	1.91	19.50	17.22	50.30	0.94	1.00	0.87	0.89	92.29
$MRR1_{PAB}$	0.57	0.00	0.55	1.99	18.68	19.18	48.63	1.00	1.00	0.26	0.61	62.82
$MRR2_{PAB}$	0.13	1.00	0.00	1.85	26.40	30.46	0.00	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
$ANPM2_{PAB}$	<b>0.26</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.63</b>	1.94	20.16	8.33	53.89	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	<b>100.00</b>

In the overall desirability, the model  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  outperforms other models since in their respective settings of the explanatory variables that simultaneously optimized the responses more than any other model. Obviously,  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  further justify the performance over  $OLS$ ,  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$ .

#### 4.0 SIMULATION STUDY

In this section, we compare the performances of the respective regression models,  $MRR1_{PAB}$ ,  $MRR2_{PAB}$ , and  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  using simulated data. Each simulation comprises of 500 data sets based on the following underlying polynomial models:

**4.1 Simulation Study 1: Multi-Response Chemical Process Problem**

This problem is analyzed by [10] with the aim to get the setting of the explanatory variables  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  (representing reaction time and temperature, respectively).

Table 6: The CCD for the Simulating Data for Models 1-5

$i$	$x_1$	$x_2$
1	0.8536	0.8536
2	0.1464	0.8536
3	0.8536	0.1464
4	0.1464	0.1464
5	1.0000	0.5000
6	0.0000	0.5000
7	0.5000	1.0000
8	0.5000	0.0000
9	0.5000	0.5000
10	0.5000	0.5000
11	0.5000	0.5000
12	0.5000	0.5000
13	0.5000	0.5000

**4.2. Simulation Study 2: Multi-Response Chemical Process Problem**

In this section, we compare the performances of the respective regression models using simulated data  $MRR1_{PAB}$ ,  $MRR2_{PAB}$  and  $ANPM2_{PAB}$ . Each simulation comprises 500 data sets based on the following underlying polynomial models:

**Model 1:**  $20 - 10x_1 - 25x_2 - 15x_1x_2 + 20x_1^2 + 50x_2^2 + \gamma(2\sin(4\pi x_1) + 2\cos(4\pi x_2) - 2\sin(4\pi x_1x_2))$ ;

**Model 2:**  $66 + 22x_1 + 10x_2 + 13x_1x_2 - 23x_1^2 - 25x_2^2 + \gamma(2\sin(3\pi x_1) - 2\cos(3\pi x_2) + 2\sin(2\pi x_1x_2))$ ;

**Model 3:**  $38 - 17x_1 + 19x_2 + 21x_1x_2 - 23x_1^2 + 29x_2^2 + \gamma(2\sin(8\pi x_1) + 2\cos(8\pi x_2) - 2\sin(8\pi x_1x_2))$ ;

**Model 4:**  $45 - 27x_1 + 9x_2 - 22x_1x_2 + 10x_1^2 + 13x_2^2 + \gamma(2\sin(3\pi x_1) - 2\cos(3\pi x_2) + 2\sin(3\pi x_1x_2))$ ;

**Model 5:**  $90 - 59x_1 - 41x_2 - 36x_1x_2 + 15x_1^2 + 25x_2^2 - \gamma(2\sin(4\pi x_1) - 2\cos(3\pi x_2) + 2\sin(3\pi x_1x_2))$

Table 7: Comparison of the AVESSE of each method for each model in the simulation studies

Model	$\gamma$	$MRR1_{PAB}$	$MRR2_{PAB}$	$ANPM2_{PAB}$
(1,7)	0.00	6.7900	7.1812	<b>4.0705</b>
	0.50	16.3440	16.3791	<b>4.1749</b>
	1.00	36.3603	43.0333	<b>4.1869</b>
(2, 8)	0.00	7.0896	6.2485	<b>3.9548</b>
	0.50	12.3478	14.4442	<b>3.9690</b>
	1.00	33.1176	33.8967	<b>4.1850</b>

(3, 9)	0.00	6.3701	7.0739	<b>3.7469</b>
	0.50	13.2077	15.4709	<b>3.8466</b>
	1.00	28.9234	40.5788	<b>4.0296</b>
(4, 10)	0.00	5.7516	5.9733	<b>4.0996</b>
	0.50	9.9041	21.1713	<b>4.2393</b>
	1.00	12.0239	63.0711	<b>4.2839</b>
(5, 11)	0.00	6.7111	6.7820	<b>3.4760</b>
	0.50	12.6459	13.0680	<b>4.0113</b>
	1.00	31.7956	30.1685	<b>4.5220</b>

In Table 7,  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  is stable in terms of AVESSE for model 1 through model 5 as the misspecification parameters increase from zero to one, while,  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$  increases in their respective AVESSE as the misspecification parameter increases from zero to one. This suggest that  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  is the most suitable model over  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$ .

### Discussion of Results

In this paper, we have shown a new blend between locally adaptive bandwidth that is driven by local variability in the data and the adaptive nonparametric regression model for RSM data.

We have compared results of the adaptive nonparametric regression model ( $ANPM2_{PAB}$ ) with OLS,  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$  using the same data sets in section 3.0 to 4.2. The  $ANPM1_{PAB}$  for single response chemical process data performed better in terms of goodness-of-fit statistics and optimization result over OLS,  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$ . While, for the multi-response problem,  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  performed better than OLS,  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$  with respect to goodness-of-fit statistics and the process requirements for the data considered. Furthermore, the locally adaptive bandwidth enhanced the performance of  $MRR1_{PAB}$ ,  $MRR2_{PAB}$  and  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  in terms of goodness-of-fit statistics for the data type examined.

Simulation studies were also carried out to further investigate the performance of the regression models by varying the misspecification parameters from zero to one. It was observed that  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  was stable in terms AVESSE as the misspecification parameter increases from zero to one. However,  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$  tend to increase with respect to AVESSE as misspecification parameter increases from zero to one.

### Conclusions

In addition, the model  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  compared with OLS,  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$  performed satisfactorily in terms of goodness-of-fit tests. The model  $ANPM2_{PAB}$ , again on the average performance did better than existing models  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$  in terms of goodness-of-fits statistics and process requirements.

Lastly, simulation study was carried out on nonparametric regression models to further investigate the effect of the misspecification parameter as it increases from zero to one. It was observed that the  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  was considerably stable over  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$  for models 1 to 5. Evidently, the model  $ANPM2_{PAB}$  appear to have better performance over the models,  $MRR1_{PAB}$  and  $MRR2_{PAB}$  in all the RSM data considered in this paper. Conclusively, the adaptive nonparametric regression model incorporate local linear regression (LLR) portion and product of

the optimal mixing parameter and, the residuals of the LLR to provide a second opportunity of fitting part of the data that were not captured by the LLR model and while the locally adaptive bandwidths perform adequate smoothing of the dataset by location for  $k$ th number of explanatory variables and provides a better estimates for the dataset utilized in this paper.

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