Principal Components in Parallel Coordinates

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Introduction

Distillation Column Flooding Characterization of Normal Operating Regions Conclusions

Motivation

- In parallel coordinates the data points are represented by an unlimited number of adjoining parallel axes.
- This data visualization is suitable for process monitoring applications in industrial facilities where a significant number of sensors are used to detect and identify abnormal operating conditions.
- This work makes use of parallel coordinates with principal components for process monitoring, named PC².
- The capabilities of PC² to visualize, evaluate and compare faulty events are study in this research work.

Parallel coordinates in process industry

- Parallel coordinates have been used to demonstrate temperature profiles in separation columns.
- Each polyline represents an operating point.



Parallel Coordinates Features and Issues

- Many sample points can clutter the plot. However, data that satisfy conditions can be highlighted (yellow).
- It is difficult to track all variables simultaneously, but data compression can reduce the number of axes.



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PCA model based on flooding data

- Eight flooding events in 120 days of operation.
- PC^2 with SPE < 5 highlighted in yellow.



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Confidence Regions

- Multivariable linear constraints are represented by 'bowtie shaped' regions (left).
- Multivariable nonlinear constraints are represented by 'nozzle shaped' regions (right).



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Parallel Coordinates allow:

- Simultaneous visualization of several faulty events of the same nature. In the example, all flooding events were visualized in one plot.
- Model comparison when using different number of principal components. SPE for different number of PCs can be visualized simultaneously.
- ► Fault detection and identification in the same plot. Hotelling T², SPE and scores are visualized in the same plot.

