



Mixture Experiment Model for Predicting the Static Modulus of Elasticity of Laterite-Quarry Dust Concrete

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ABSTRACT

Static modulus of elasticity of concrete is an important structural property of concrete. However, there is no consensus on the ideal methodology for the characterization or estimation of the property, which has led to specifying a minimum value to be met by designers. This paper developed a model for predicting the 28th day static modulus of elasticity of laterite-quarry dust concrete using [5, 2] extreme vertices design. The model was formulated using existing data and were validated using the p-value, F statistics and normal probability plot. The static modulus of elasticity were determined as a function of the compressive strength and density of the concrete cubes and a second degree polynomial was fitted to the data of the static modulus of elasticity. Several mix proportions were generated and converted to ratios and their static modulus of elasticity were obtained using the developed model. The minimum and maximum static modulus of elasticity predictable by the model are 18.51(GPa) and 28.87(GPa). The static modulus of elasticity of laterite-quarry dust concrete for both domestic and commercial construction work can be predicted using this model.

Keywords: Model, Static Modulus of Elasticity, Laterite-quarry dust concrete, Extreme Vertices Design.

1. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is a composite and versatile material in which the aggregates are bonded with cementitious material. It is flexible to handle and can be molded into any shape. Partial or full replacement of river sand in concrete production is becoming a norm in Nigeria as it has been shown by many researchers to improve the structural properties of concrete. Laterite-quarry dust concrete according to [21] is the mixture of cement, water, laterite, quarry dust and coarse aggregate in proper proportion to achieve a desired property of concrete. The importance of mixture experiment and model formulation for predictions in the construction industry cannot be overemphasized. This can be seen in the works of [21, 22, 25, 18, 26, 27, 31, 28, 2, 29, 12, 30, 14 and 4].

It is evident that the most important property of concrete is the compressive strength, however, another property that is also important is the static modulus of elasticity. [24] Believes that there is no consensus on the ideal methodology for the characterization or estimation of the static modulus of elasticity of concrete, which has led to specifying a minimum value to be met by designers. This context has led to the disagreement among the structural designers, builders, concrete suppliers and testing laboratories, pointing out to the urgent need to advance the usual methodology and standard. Structural designers usually estimate the static modulus of elasticity of concrete employing formula that associates the static modulus of elasticity with the compressive strength. These are empirical formulas and they depend on the classification of concrete under evaluation. However, these formulas must be used with reservation and caution because compressive strength and modulus of elasticity are distinct properties that are differently influenced by the concrete variables [15, 16].

[21] Developed models for predicting the compressive strength and cost of laterite-quarry dust concrete using the extreme vertices design. The components were expressed in real ratios. To this effect, the objective of this research is to develop a reliable model for predicting the 28th day static modulus of elasticity of laterite-quarry dust concrete using the extreme vertices design.

2. MIXTURE EXPERIMENT AND MODEL FORMATION

Mixture experiment is one in which the response is dependent on only the proportions of the constituent materials [11]. The constituents of the mixture can either be measured by volume or mass. The constituent proportions must be constrained to sum to 1 and none must have a negative value. The statement above can be stated mathematically as:

$$\sum_{i=1}^q x_i = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \dots + x_q = 1.0 \tag{1}$$

Where, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

q = the number of mixture component

x_i = proportion of constituent i

If the response is denoted by y and $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4,$ and x_5 are the constituents of the mixture (water, cement, laterite, quarry dust, and crushed rock), then the equation can be represented as:

$$y = f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) \tag{2}$$

A general form of a polynomial of degree M , in q variables is given by [1] as;

$$\hat{y} = b_0 + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq q} b_i x_i + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq q} b_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq k \leq q} b_{ijk} x_i x_j x_k + \sum b_{i_1 i_2 i_n} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} x_{i_n} \tag{3}$$

When the number of components, $q = 5$, and $M = 2$, the number of terms will be fifteen (15) and equation (3) can be written as:

$$\hat{y} = \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_4 x_4 + \beta_5 x_5 + \beta_{12} x_1 x_2 + \beta_{13} x_1 x_3 + \beta_{14} x_1 x_4 + \beta_{15} x_1 x_5 + \beta_{23} x_2 x_3 + \beta_{24} x_2 x_4 + \beta_{25} x_2 x_5 + \beta_{34} x_3 x_4 + \beta_{35} x_3 x_5 + \beta_{45} x_4 x_5 \tag{4}$$

Extreme vertices design covers a sub-portion within the simplex. It is used when components are restricted to lower L_i and upper U_i bounds or when linear constraints are added to several components. In a restricted mixture experiment, all components do not take values between 0, to 1, some or all of the components lie between some lower (L_i) and upper (U_i) bound [11]. With q , components, the constants are written as;

$$0 \leq L_i \leq X_i \leq U_i \leq 1, \quad i = 1, 2 \dots q \tag{5}$$

The design point's location on the boundaries of the region that are chosen depends on the degree of the equation to be used to model the surface over the region. However, it is important to know that the upper – and lower – bound constraints on the X_i must be consistent before any further analysis.

3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The primary data used in this work were taken from a previous study by [21] who developed an extreme vertices models for predicting the 28th day compressive strength and cost of laterite-quarry dust concrete. The material components were; Water, Ordinary Portland Cement, Laterite, Quarry dust and Crushed rock. Potable water conforming to the specification of [6] was used for both specimen preparation and curing, and it was sourced from 9th mile Enugu State, Nigeria. Ordinary Portland cement of grade 42.5 which conforms to [17] was used for all the tests. Laterite was obtained from Umuchigbo community in Iji-Nike, Enugu East Local Government Area of Enugu State, Nigeria while quarry dust and crushed rock were obtained from the quarry site of Jinziang quarry (Nigeria) company limited in Ezillo, Ishielu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State. Physical property tests were conducted on the laterite and quarry dust and several trial mixes of concrete were carried out to determine the lower (L_i) and upper bound (U_i) of each component using ratios 1:1:1.5, 1:1:2, 1:1.5:3, 1:2:4, and 1:3:6. River sand was replaced with a maximum of 40% laterite and 60% quarry dust in the trial mixes. Table 1 show bound of the five mixture components.

Table 1: Bounds of the Five Mixture Components.

	Water	Cement	Laterite	Quarry dust	Coarse aggregate
Lower bound	0.100	0.140	0.020	0.130	0.430
Upper bound	0.135	0.250	0.130	0.260	0.500

Source: Orji, Anya and Ngwu (2020).

The set constraints are as follows:

Water = $0.100 \leq X_1 \leq 0.135$, Cement = $0.140 \leq X_2 \leq 0.250$, Laterite = $0.020 \leq X_3 \leq 0.130$, Quarry dust = $0.130 \leq X_4 \leq 0.260$, Coarse aggregate = $0.430 \leq X_5 \leq 0.500$.

The design matrix consisted of fifteen (15) design points and seven (7) check points with replications of the vertices and the centroid, given a total of twenty eight (28) runs. Eighty four (84) numbers of laterite-quarry dust concrete cubes of 150mm were prepared in accordance to [7] and tested for their compressive strength after 28 days of curing in accordance to [5] using controls wizard basic testing machine with a testing capacity of 2000kN. The machine conforms to the requirement of [8]. The results of the compressive strength test were used to develop the model equation for predicting the static modulus of elasticity of laterite-quarry dust concrete. The static modulus of elasticity of the cubes were determined as a function of the compressive strength and density. A second degree polynomial was fitted to the data of the static modulus of elasticity using Minitab 17. Sequential F test (ρ -value) was carried out to fit linear and quadratic models to the static modulus of elasticity result and the chosen model was the highest order model with significant terms. This was done using Analysis of variance (ANOVA). A ρ -value of less than 0.05 indicates a significant term. Summary statistics (R-square, Adjusted R squared, PRESS, and the standard error) for each model coefficient were also determined. Adequacy of the model was also tested using the normal probability plots at 95% confidence limit. The modulus of elasticity relates the relationship between the applied stresses and the strain they cause. It has a direct relationship with the compressive strength. It increases as the compressive strength increases. The static modulus of elasticity of the cubes were determined using Equation 6 [10].

$$E_s = 1.7\rho^2 F_c^{0.33} \times 10^{-6} \tag{6}$$

Where:

E_s = Static modulus of elasticity

ρ = Density

F_c = Compressive strength

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The results of the physical property test of laterite and quarry dust is presented in Tables 2, while the design matrix components in real ratios and the average compressive strength test result is shown in Table 3. The design matrix components in real ratios and the average static modulus of elasticity is presented in Table 4.

Table 2: Physical Properties of Laterite and Quarry Dust.

Property	Laterite	Quarry dust
Bulk density (kg/m ³)	1240	1695
Specific gravity	2.60	2.79
Fineness Modulus	3.03	2.74

Source: Orji, Anya and Ngwu (2020).).

Table 3: (5, 2) Design Matrix Components in Real Ratios and the Average Compressive Strength Results

Run Order	Std Order	Water	Cement	Laterite	Quarry Dust	Coarse Aggregate	$Av.f_c (Nmm^2)$
1	93	0.964286	1	0.142857	1.464286	3.571429	7.19
2	105	0.964286	1	0.25	1.857143	3.071429	6.81
3	10	0.526316	1	0.105263	1.368421	2.263158	19.27
4	6	0.714286	1	0.928571	1.428571	3.071429	12.00
5	1	0.714286	1	0.142857	1.714286	3.571429	10.00
6	21	0.771429	1	0.742857	0.742857	2.457143	10.00
7	11	0.714286	1	0.5	1.857143	3.071429	12.00
8	94	0.4	1	0.08	0.8	1.72	25.00
9	7	0.964286	1	0.928571	1.178571	3.071429	7.00
10	42	0.964286	1	0.803571	0.928571	3.446429	6.00
11	54	0.666667	1	0.098765	1.049383	2.123457	13.00
12	60	0.635294	1	0.435294	0.611765	2.023529	13.00
13	46	0.839286	1	0.928571	1.303571	3.071429	9.00
14	41	0.839286	1	0.142857	1.589286	3.571429	9.00
15	38	0.606061	1	0.272727	1.575758	2.606061	15.00
16	114	0.657465	1	0.337516	1.012547	2.513174	13.00
17	75	0.682236	1	0.595188	1.193914	2.756546	12.00
18	78	0.682236	1	0.252654	1.38075	2.912243	13.00
19	79	0.590325	1	0.218616	1.194734	2.385181	15.00
20	70	0.682236	1	0.252654	1.318471	2.974522	12.00
21	80	0.682236	1	0.408351	1.38075	2.756546	12.00
22	14	0.964286	1	0.25	1.857143	3.071429	7.00
23	101	0.526316	1	0.105263	1.368421	2.263158	18.00
24	112	0.771429	1	0.742857	0.742857	2.457143	10.43
25	92	0.714286	1	0.142857	1.714286	3.571429	13.00
26	69	0.657465	1	0.337516	1.012547	2.513174	15.00
27	88	0.560139	1	0.488669	0.801278	2.263219	19.00
28	55	0.47	1	0.08	0.73	1.72	27.00

Source: Orji, Anya and Ngwu (2020). $Av.f_c$ = Average compressive strength results

Table 4: (5, 2) Design Matrix Components in Real Ratios and the Average Static Modulus of Elasticity

Run Order	Std Order	Water	Cement	Laterite	Quarry Dust	Coarse Aggregate	$Av. E_s (GPa)$
1	93	0.964286	1	0.142857	1.464286	3.571429	17.5203
2	105	0.964286	1	0.25	1.857143	3.071429	16.6962
3	10	0.526316	1	0.105263	1.368421	2.263158	25.6015
4	6	0.714286	1	0.928571	1.428571	3.071429	21.5389
5	1	0.714286	1	0.142857	1.714286	3.571429	20.8565
6	21	0.771429	1	0.742857	0.742857	2.457143	18.9173
7	11	0.714286	1	0.5	1.857143	3.071429	21.2302
8	94	0.4	1	0.08	0.8	1.72	27.3292
9	7	0.964286	1	0.928571	1.178571	3.071429	16.1139
10	42	0.964286	1	0.803571	0.928571	3.446429	15.8961
11	54	0.666667	1	0.098765	1.049383	2.123457	20.7359
12	60	0.635294	1	0.435294	0.611765	2.023529	20.0373
13	46	0.839286	1	0.928571	1.303571	3.071429	18.2520
14	41	0.839286	1	0.142857	1.589286	3.571429	19.5851
15	38	0.606061	1	0.272727	1.575758	2.606061	23.0891
16	114	0.657465	1	0.337516	1.012547	2.513174	20.7691
17	75	0.682236	1	0.595188	1.193914	2.756546	20.3520
18	78	0.682236	1	0.252654	1.38075	2.912243	21.5941

19	79	0.590325	1	0.218616	1.194734	2.385181	22.0382
20	70	0.682236	1	0.252654	1.318471	2.974522	20.3670
21	80	0.682236	1	0.408351	1.38075	2.756546	20.1531
22	14	0.964286	1	0.25	1.857143	3.071429	16.1454
23	101	0.526316	1	0.105263	1.368421	2.263158	24.2847
24	112	0.771429	1	0.742857	0.742857	2.457143	18.6847
25	92	0.714286	1	0.142857	1.714286	3.571429	21.7687
26	69	0.657465	1	0.337516	1.012547	2.513174	22.6713
27	88	0.560139	1	0.488669	0.801278	2.263219	24.2987
28	55	0.47	1	0.08	0.73	1.72	28.1363

Legend: $Av. E_s$ = Average Static modulus of elasticity.

A second degree polynomial (model) was fitted to the static modulus of elasticity data in Table 4 at 95% confidence limit ($\alpha = 0.05$). The estimated regression coefficient and the analysis of variance (Anova) are shown in Tables 5 and 6 respectively while the normal probability plot of the residual is shown in Figure 1. Taking X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 and X_5 as the proportion of the constituents and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$ and β_5 as the coefficient of the constituents in relation to Equation 4, water = $-106.9X_1$, cement = $91.5X_2$, Laterite = $19.0X_3$, Quarry dust = $23.9X_4$, and Coarse aggregate = $26.4X_5$. Therefore, the model equation for static modulus of elasticity is given as;

$$E_s = -106.9X_1 + 91.5X_2 + 19.0X_3 + 23.9X_4 + 26.4X_5 \tag{7}$$

Table 5: Estimated Regression Coefficients for Static modulus of elasticity (component proportions)

Term	Coef	SE Coef	T	P	VIF
Water	-106.9	11.564	*	*	72.494
Cement	91.5	4.524	*	*	23.839
Laterite	19.0	4.851	*	*	5.082
Quarry dust	23.9	4.517	*	*	34.976
Coarse Agg	26.4	4.032	*	*	129.108
S = 0.843585		PRESS = 25.5244			
R-Sq = 93.91%		R-Sq(pred) = 90.51%		R-Sq(adj) = 92.86%	

Regression Output

Table 6: Analysis of Variance for Static Modulus of Elasticity (component proportions)

Source	DF	Seq SS	Adj SS	Adj MS	F	P
Regression	4	252.569	252.569	63.1423	88.73	0.000
Linear	4	252.569	252.569	63.1423	88.73	0.000
Residual Error	23	16.368	16.368	0.7116		
Lack-of-Fit	18	13.097	13.097	0.7276	1.11	0.497
Pure Error	5	3.271	3.271	0.6542		
Total	27	268.937				

Regression Output

The p -significant value is less than 0.05 level of significance ($p = 0.000, p < 0.05, f = 88.73$) and the normal probability plot in Figure 1 show that the residuals fall reasonably close to the reference lines. Therefore, the conclusion is that Equation (7) is adequate for predicting the 28th day static modulus of elasticity of laterite–quarry dust concrete.

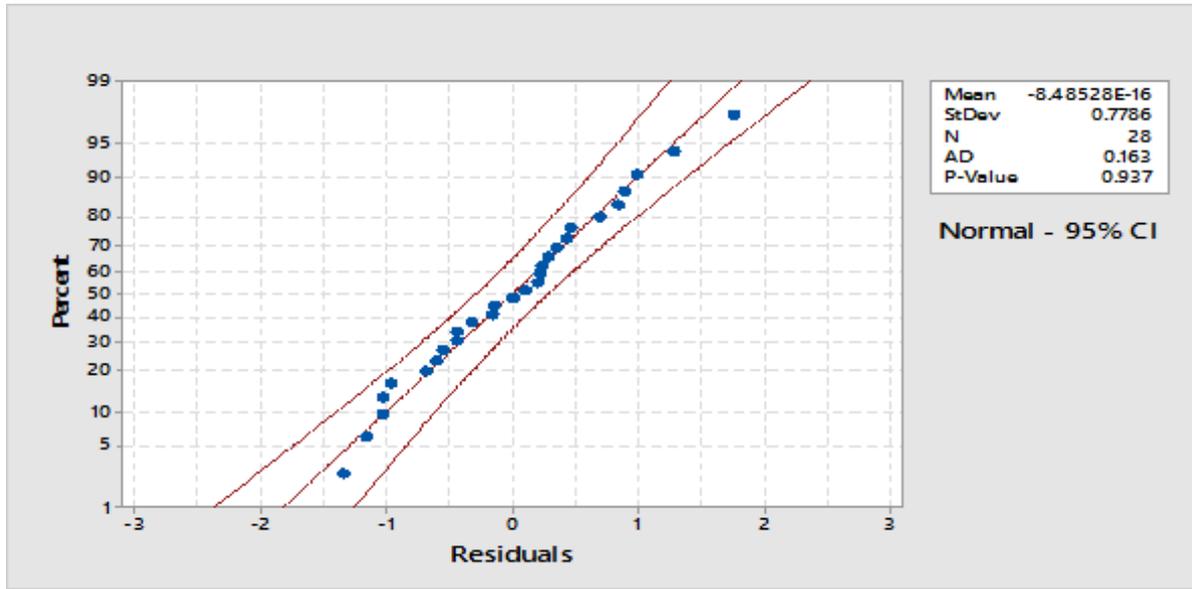


Figure 1: Normal probability plot for static modulus of elasticity residual.

Several mix proportions were generated and converted to ratios in Table 7. The static modulus of elasticity of the mixes were obtained using the developed model.

Table 7: Static Modulus of Elasticity of Laterite-Quarry Dust Concrete for Several Mix Ratios

Components in Real Ratios					E_s (GPa)
Water	Cement	Laterite	Quarry Dust	Coarse Aggregate	
0.68	1	0.6	0.98	2.97	21.15
0.53	1	0.11	1.37	2.26	24.64
0.66	1	0.34	1.01	2.51	21.41
0.71	1	0.54	0.88	2.49	19.96
0.54	1	0.08	0.52	1.86	24.21
0.54	1	0.08	0.66	1.72	24.12
0.4	1	0.08	0.66	1.86	28.78
0.51	1	0.19	0.73	2.22	25.14
0.67	1	0.1	1.05	2.12	20.91
0.71	1	0.93	1.43	3.07	20.72
0.68	1	0.6	1.19	2.76	21.06
0.79	1	0.25	1.38	2.8	19.06
0.77	1	0.74	0.74	2.46	18.51
0.51	1	0.19	0.89	2.05	25.05
0.64	1	0.2	0.79	2.41	21.67
0.47	1	0.08	0.73	1.72	26.41
0.64	1	0.44	0.61	2.02	21.23
0.43	1	0.48	0.57	1.87	26.90
0.4	1	0.22	0.52	1.86	28.61
0.68	1	0.25	1.38	2.91	21.40
0.47	1	0.08	0.52	1.93	26.54
0.71	1	0.5	1.86	3.07	21.02
0.59	1	0.19	0.73	2.13	22.81
0.71	1	0.14	1.79	3.5	21.41
0.54	1	0.15	0.52	1.79	24.08
0.56	1	0.49	0.8	2.26	23.43
0.57	1	0.74	0.94	2.46	23.09
0.68	1	0.12	1.51	2.49	21.17
0.71	1	0.54	1.32	3.57	21.17
0.63	1	0.09	0.6	2.33	21.93

0.4	1	0.08	0.8	1.72	28.70
0.71	1	0.93	0.93	3.57	20.90
0.47	1	0.29	0.52	1.72	26.15
0.59	1	0.22	1.19	2.39	23.02
0.54	1	0.22	0.52	1.72	23.95
0.79	1	0.6	1.08	2.76	18.78
0.54	1	0.15	0.59	1.72	24.03
0.61	1	0.68	0.68	2.23	21.98
0.68	1	0.25	1.32	2.97	21.42
0.79	1	0.25	1.21	2.97	19.13
0.76	1	0.32	0.73	2.82	19.21
0.76	1	0.11	0.94	2.82	19.39
0.59	1	0.27	0.73	2.05	22.68
0.58	1	0.09	0.56	2.08	23.07
0.4	1	0.08	0.52	2	28.87
0.48	1	0.62	0.62	2.05	25.45
0.71	1	0.14	1.71	3.57	21.44
0.71	1	0.32	1.86	3.25	21.20
0.51	1	0.35	0.73	2.05	24.88
0.71	1	0.93	1.18	3.32	20.81
0.51	1	0.09	0.56	2.15	25.40
0.59	1	0.19	0.81	2.05	22.76
0.51	1	0.38	0.67	2.56	24.88
0.61	1	0.12	1.58	2.76	23.01
0.71	1	0.71	1.64	3.07	20.87
0.51	1	0.1	0.95	2.56	25.15
0.61	1	0.27	1.58	2.61	22.83
0.4	1	0.36	0.52	1.72	28.35
0.57	1	0.74	0.74	2.66	23.18
0.45	1	0.09	1.05	1.95	26.67
0.71	1	0.14	1.86	3.43	21.39
0.68	1	0.41	1.38	2.76	21.21
0.79	1	0.3	1.38	2.76	19.01
0.4	1	0.22	0.66	1.72	28.53
0.54	1	0.08	0.59	1.79	24.16
0.76	1	0.24	1.32	2.63	19.55

Legend: E_s = Statics Modulus of Elasticity.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The bulk densities of laterite and quarry dust were found to be 1240kg/m³ and 1695kg/m³. They compared favorably with the bulk densities derived by [13, 18 and 3]. Similarly, the specific gravities were found to be 2.60 and 2.79. Which also compared favorably with the specific gravities derived by [23, 2 and 19]. The sieve analysis indicated that both laterite and quarry dust falls within zone II of the grading of fine aggregate as given in [9] and they are both suitable for making concrete. Model equations for predicting the static modulus of elasticity of laterite-quarry dust concrete was developed. X_1, \dots, X_5 in the model are the proportions of water, cement, laterite, quarry dust and crushed rock in the mix. The model was tested for its significance using the p-value and F test statistics and found adequate. The minimum and maximum static modulus of elasticity predictable by the model in Table 7 are 18.51(GPa) and 28.87(GPa) respectively. This model can be used to predict the static modulus of elasticity of laterite-quarry dust concrete for both domestic and commercial constructions and it will be very beneficial in the reduction of the number of trial mixes, use of arbitrary mixes and cost indeterminacy. In this regard, the use of models for predictions should be encouraged in the construction industry.

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