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sample	2/d	4/d	6/d
blank control	61.5	71.4	68.0
PLA	73.2	75.6	65.2
HA-PLA	54.4	78.6	62.4

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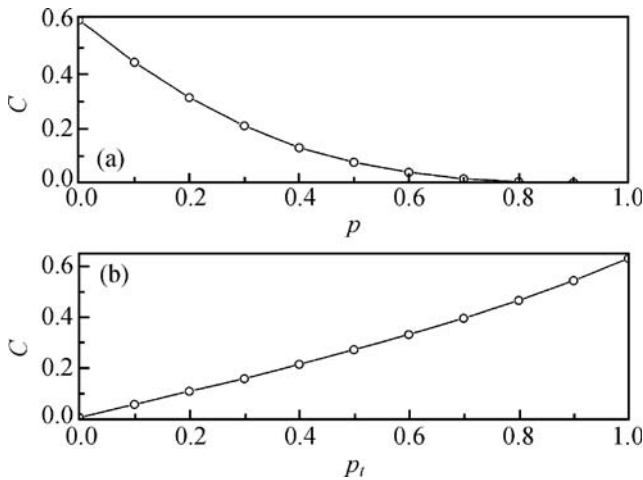


Fig. 1 How C changes with (a) p ; (b) p_t

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Example 1 We take the data set 1...

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