

Construction of Some (r, λ) -designs from Generalized Row Orthogonal Matrices

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Abstract: Some series of (r, λ) -designs have been constructed from Generalized Row Orthogonal Matrices and Balanced Incomplete Block Designs. It is shown that a Generalized Row Orthogonal Matrix is the incidence matrix of an (r, λ) -design under certain conditions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

We recall the following definitions from Dey [2]

1.1 Block Design

Let $V = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, v\}$ be a non-empty set and $\beta = \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_b\}$ be a multiset of subsets of V . Then (V, β) is a block design. The elements of V are called treatments and the elements of β are called blocks.

1.2 Balanced Incomplete Block Design (BIBD):

Let $V = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, v\}$ be a non-empty set and $\beta = \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_b\}$ be a multiset of subsets of V . The elements of V are called treatments and the elements of β are called blocks. A BIBD is an arrangement of v treatments into b blocks such that each block contains k treatments, each treatment belongs to r blocks and each pair of treatments belongs to λ blocks. v, b, r, k, λ are called parameters of the BIBD. These parameters are not all independent but are related by the following relations:

(i) $vr = bk$ (ii) $r(k-1) = \lambda(v-1)$.

A BIBD for which $v=b$ is called a Symmetric BIBD (SBIBD).

1.3 (r, λ) -Design

An (r, λ) -design is a block design (V, β) such that

- (i) Every element of V occurs in precisely r blocks.
- (ii) Every pair of distinct elements of V occurs in precisely λ blocks.

1.4 Circulant Matrix: An $n \times n$ matrix

$C = [c_{ij}]_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1}$ where $c_{ij} = c_{j-i \pmod{n}}$ is a circulant matrix of order n .

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & \dots & c_{n-1} \\ c_{n-1} & c_0 & c_1 & \dots & c_{n-2} \\ c_{n-2} & c_{n-1} & c_0 & \dots & c_{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & \dots & c_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \text{circ}(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$$

Deza et al [3], Vanstone [11] and so on contributed in the constructions of an (r, λ) -design. BIBDs have been studied by Bose [1], Kageyama [4], Rao [5], Shrikhande and Raghvarao [6], Yalavigi [12] and so on. Singh and Prasad [7] defined Generalized Orthogonal Combinatorial matrix (GOCM). Saurabh and Singh [9] defined Generalized Row Orthogonal Matrices (GROM) and Generalized Row Orthogonal Constant Column Matrices (GROCM) and have shown that a GROCM is in general an incidence matrix of at most three class association scheme. In this paper we have constructed some (r, λ) -designs from GROM and BIBD.

For convenience, I_n denotes the identity matrix of order n , $J_{t \times u}$ denotes the $t \times u$ matrix all of whose entries are 1, $K_{t \times u} = J_{t \times u} - I_{t \times u}$, $e_{t \times 1}$ denotes the $t \times 1$ matrix with all its entries 1. $A \otimes B$ denotes Kronecker product of matrices A and B . $\alpha^i = \text{circ}(0, 0, 0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$ is a circulant matrix of order n with 1 at $(i+1)$ -th position such that $\alpha^n = I_n$.

II. GROM AND ITS REDUCTION TO AN INCIDENCE MATRIX OF AN(r,λ)-DESIGN

We recall the definition of GROM. Let $N=[N_{ij}]$, $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ where N_{ij} are $\{0, 1\}$ matrices of order $n \times s_j$. Let $R_i = (N_{i1}, N_{i2}, \dots, N_{im})$ be the i th row of blocks. We define inner product of two rows of blocks R_i and R_j as $R_i \circ R_j = R_i R_j^T = \sum_{k=1}^m N_{ik} N_{jk}^T$.

N is called a Generalized Row Orthogonal Matrices (GROM) if there exists fixed positive integer r and fixed non-negative integers $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ such that

$$R_i \circ R_j = R_i R_j^T = \sum_{k=1}^m N_{ik} N_{jk}^T = \begin{cases} rI_n + \lambda_1 K_n & \text{if } i = j \\ \lambda_2 I_n + \lambda_3 K_n & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

Clearly $v = mn, b = m(s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_m), v, b, r, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, m, n$ are called the parameters of the GROM. $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ will be also called concurrences of the GROM.

Theorem 2.1: A GROM with concurrences $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ is an incidence matrix of an (r, λ) -design if $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3$.

proof: Let N be a GROM and let

$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \lambda$. Then

$$NN^T = \begin{pmatrix} rI_n + \lambda_1 K_n & \dots & \lambda_2 I_n + \lambda_3 K_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_2 I_n + \lambda_3 K_n & \dots & rI_n + \lambda_1 K_n \end{pmatrix} = r(I_m \otimes I_n) + \lambda_1(I_m \otimes K_n) + \lambda_2(K_m \otimes I_n) + \lambda_3(K_m \otimes K_n) = rI_{mn} + \lambda K_{mn}$$

Hence N is an incidence matrix of an (r, λ) -design with parameters

$v = mn, b = m(s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_m), r, \lambda$.

III. CONSTRUCTION THEOREMS

Theorem 3.1: Construction of an (r, λ) -design with p^2 treatments

There exists an (r, λ) -design with parameters $v = p^2, b = p^2 + p, r = 2p - 1, \lambda = p - 1$.

Proof: Let $K=J-I$ is a $p \times p$ matrix and e is a p -rowed all 1 matrix and α is a circulant matrix of order p such that $\alpha^p = I_p$. Consider block matrices

$$N_1 = \begin{bmatrix} I_p & I_p & \dots & I_p & I_p \\ I_p & \alpha & \dots & \alpha^{p-2} & \alpha^{p-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ I_p & \alpha^{p-1} & \dots & (\alpha^{p-2})^{p-1} & (\alpha^{p-1})^{p-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad K \otimes e = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e & \dots & e \\ e & 0 & \dots & e \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ e & e & \dots & e \\ e & e & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Inner product of rows of $N = [N_1 \ K \otimes e]$ is $R_i \circ R_j = \begin{cases} (2p - 1)I_p + (p - 1)K_p & \text{if } i = j \\ (p - 1)I_p + (p - 1)K_p & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$

Then N is the incidence matrix of an (r, λ) -design with the required parameters.

[vide theorem 2.1]

Example 3.1.1 There exists an (r, λ) -design with parameters

(a) $v=25, b=30, r=9, \lambda=4$.

(b) $v=49, b=56, r=13, \lambda=6$.

(c) $v=121, b=132, r=21, \lambda=10$ and so on.

Corollary 3.1.1 There exists an (r, λ) -design with parameters

$v = p^2 - lp, b = p^2 + p, r = 2p - 1, \lambda = p - 1$.

proof If we remove l rows of blocks from N then we obtain an incidence matrix of an (r, λ) -design with the required parameters. [vide theorem 2.1]

Theorem 3.2: There exists an (r, λ) -design with parameters

$$v = p^2 - lp, b = sp(p + 1), r = s(p + 1), \lambda = s.$$

proof: Saurabh and Singh[10] have shown that a GROCM is an incidence matrix of a SBIBD D (let) with parameters

$v=p^2, b = sp(p + 1), r = s(p + 1), k = p, \lambda = s$. If we remove l rows of blocks from the incidence matrix of the SBIBD D then we obtain an incidence matrix N of an (r, λ) -design with the required parameters

[vide theorem 2.1].

Inner product of two rows of N is $R_i \circ R_j = \begin{cases} s(p + 1)I_p + sK_p & \text{if } i = j \\ sI_p + sK_p & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$

Theorem 3.3: The existence of a (v, b, r, k, λ) -design implies the existence of an (r, λ) -design with parameters $(v^{(n+1)}, b^{(n+1)}, r^{(n+1)}, \lambda^{(n+1)})$ where $v^{(n+1)} = 4^n(4v), b^{(n+1)} = 4^n(16(r - \lambda)), r^{(n+1)} = 4^n(4(r - \lambda) + 2r + s), \lambda^{(n+1)} = 4^n(4r + s)$.

Proof: Singh and Prasad[8] have shown that there exists an (r, λ) -design with parameters $v^{(1)} = 4v, b^{(1)} = 4(r - \lambda), r^{(1)} = 4(r - \lambda) + 2(r + s), \lambda^{(1)} = 2(r + s)$. Let us denote this design by $D^1(v^{(1)}, b^{(1)}, r^{(1)}, \lambda^{(1)})$. On substituting 0 by I_4 and 1 by K_4 successively in the incidence matrix of $D^1(v^{(1)}, b^{(1)}, r^{(1)}, \lambda^{(1)})$, we obtain the (r, λ) -design with the required parameters. It is trivial and obvious for $v^{(n+1)}$ and $b^{(n+1)}$. In the construction of $D^1(v^{(1)}, b^{(1)}, r^{(1)}, \lambda^{(1)})$ from the BIBD (v, b, r, k, λ) , we have

$r^{(1)} = 4(r - \lambda) + 2(r + s)$, s is the number of columns of K_4 and $\lambda^{(1)} = 2(r + s)$ and in the construction of $D^2(v^{(2)}, b^{(2)}, r^{(2)}, \lambda^{(2)})$ from $D^1(v^{(1)}, b^{(1)}, r^{(1)}, \lambda^{(1)})$ no more columns of K_4 are added i.e. $s=0$ so

$$\begin{aligned} r^{(2)} &= 4(r^{(1)} - \lambda^{(1)}) + 2r^{(1)} \\ &= (2^4 + 2^3)(r - \lambda) + 2^2(r + s) \\ \lambda^{(2)} &= 2r^{(1)} = 2^3(r - \lambda) + 2^2(r + s) \\ r^{(3)} &= 4(r^{(2)} - \lambda^{(2)}) + 2r^{(2)} \\ &= (2^6 + 2^5 + 2^4)(r - \lambda) + 2^3(r + s) \\ \lambda^{(3)} &= 2r^{(2)} = (2^5 + 2^4)(r - \lambda) + 2^3(r + s) \end{aligned}$$

Proceeding in the similar manner, we obtain

$$r^{(n)} = (2^{2n} + 2^{2n-1} + \dots + 2^{n+1})(r - \lambda) + 2^n(r + s)$$

which gives $r^{(n+1)} = 4^n(4(r - \lambda) + 2(r + s))$

$$\lambda^{(n)} = 2^{n+1}(2^{n-1} - 1)(r - \lambda) + 2^n(r + s)$$

which gives $\lambda^{(n+1)} = 4^n(2(r + s))$

Theorem 3.4: If R_i is an (r, λ) -design with parameters $(v_i, b_i, r_i, \lambda_i)$ with $b_i = 4(r_i - \lambda_i)$ and A_i and A_i^* are the incidence matrices of R_i and its complementary design R_i^* . Then with $i=1, 2$

$N = A_1 \otimes A_2 + A_1^* \otimes A_2^*$ is the matrix of an (r, λ) -design D with parameters (v, b, r, λ) given by $v = v_1 v_2, b = b_1 b_2, r = r_1 r_2 + (b_1 - r_1)(b_2 - r_2), \lambda = b_1 b_2 - 2(r_1 b_2 + r_2 b_1) + 6r_1 r_2 - 4\lambda_1 \lambda_2, b = 4(r - \lambda)$ also holds for design D .

proof: Since $A_i (i = 1, 2)$ is an incidence matrix of R_i design, $A_i A_i^T = r_i I_{v_i} + \lambda_i K_{v_i}$ and $A_i J_{b_i} = r_i J_{v_i \times b_i}$ for $i=1, 2$.

Clearly the number of rows and columns in NN^T are $v_1 v_2$ and $b_1 b_2$ respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} NN^T &= (A_1 \otimes A_2 + A_1^* \otimes A_2^*)(A_1 \otimes A_2 + A_1^* \otimes A_2^*)^T \\ &= [A_1 \otimes A_2 + (J_{v_1 \times b_1} - A_1) \otimes (J_{v_2 \times b_2} - A_2)] [A_1 \otimes A_2 + (J_{v_1 \times b_1} - A_1) \otimes (J_{v_2 \times b_2} - A_2)]^T \\ &= 4(r_1 - \lambda_1)(r_2 - \lambda_2)I_v + (r_1 - \lambda_1)(4\lambda_2 + b_2 - 4r_2)(I_{v_1} \otimes J_{v_2}) + \\ & (r_2 - \lambda_2)(4\lambda_1 + b_1 - 4r_1)(J_{v_1} \otimes I_{v_2}) + (b_1 b_2 - 2r_1 b_2 - 2r_2 b_1 + 6r_1 r_2 - 4\lambda_1 \lambda_2)J_v \\ &= 4(r_1 - \lambda_1)(r_2 - \lambda_2)I_v + (b_1 b_2 - 2r_1 b_2 - 2r_2 b_1 + 6r_1 r_2 - 4\lambda_1 \lambda_2)J_v \\ &= [r_1 r_2 + (b_1 - r_1)(b_2 - r_2)]I_v + (b_1 b_2 - 2r_1 b_2 - 2r_2 b_1 + 6r_1 r_2 - 4\lambda_1 \lambda_2)K_v \end{aligned}$$

(since $b_i = 4(r_i - \lambda_i)$ for $i = 1, 2$)
Also $N_{v \times b} J_{b \times v} = r J_v$. Hence N is the incidence matrix of an (r, λ) -design D with the required parameters [vide theorem 2.1].

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } r - \lambda &= -4r_1 r_2 + r_1 b_2 + r_2 b_1 + 6r_1 r_2 + 4\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \\ &= -4r_1 r_2 + r_2(4r_1 - 4\lambda_1) + r(4r_2 - 4\lambda_2) + 4\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \\ &= 4(r_1 - \lambda_1)(r_2 - \lambda_2) = \frac{b}{4} \end{aligned}$$

IV. CONCLUSION

A combinatorial structure GROM has been used to construct some series of (r, λ) -designs. A GROM can also be used to construct some more combinatorial designs.

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