

# On the $(10, 5, \lambda)$ -Family of Bhaskar Rao Designs

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## Abstract

We prove a theorem for  $\text{BRD}(10,5,\lambda)$ s and give thirteen (13) inequivalent  $\text{BRD}(10,5,4)$ s.

## 1 Introduction

A *balanced incomplete block (BIBD) design* is an arrangement of  $v$  symbols in  $b$  blocks each containing  $(k < v)$  symbols, satisfying the following conditions : (i) every symbol occurs at most once in a block, (ii) every symbol occurs in exactly  $r$  blocks, (iii) every pair of treatments or symbols occur together in exactly  $\lambda$  blocks.

A *Bhaskar Rao design* [ $\text{BRD}(v, b, r, k, \lambda)$ ] is a matrix of order  $v \times b$  with  $(0, \pm 1)$  entries), satisfying the following conditions : (i) it has  $k$  non-zero [ $(v - k)$  zero] entries/column, (ii) it has  $r$  non-zero [ $(b - r)$  zero] entries/row, (iii)  $\lambda$  non-zero entries are in the same column as  $\lambda$  other non-zero entries for every pair of rows, (iv) the inner product of any pair of distinct rows is zero, (v) when it's  $-1$ s are changed to  $+1$ s, the resulting matrix becomes the incidence matrix of a BIBD. The necessary conditions for the existence of a  $\text{BRD}(v, b, r, k, \lambda)$  are :

- (i)  $vr = bk$ ,
- (ii)  $\lambda(v - 1) = r(k - 1)$ ,
- (iii) the inner product of distinct rows is zero,
- (iv)  $2|\lambda$  and  $2|b$ .

**Theorem 1 (Chaudhry and Seberry [2])** *The conditions*

- i)  $\lambda(v - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$*
- ii)  $\lambda v(v - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{20}$*
- iii)  $b \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$*

*are necessary for the existence of  $\text{BRD}(v, 5, 2\lambda)$  where  $\lambda$  may take values 1, 2, 3, ... .*

**Lemma 1 (Chaudhry and Seberry [2])** *Suppose in the signing of the rows of a BIBD, it happens that the rows  $\{1, \dots, j\} \in A$  are mutually orthogonal and the rows  $\{j + 1, \dots, v\} \in B$  are mutually orthogonal but no row of  $A$  is orthogonal to any row of  $B$  and vice versa. Then if we take another copy of the BIBD and negate the orthogonal rows in  $B$ , we obtain a  $\text{BRD}(v, k, 2\lambda)$ .*

## 2 BRDs(10,5, $\lambda$ )

There exist twenty one (21) inequivalent BIBDs with parameters (10,5,4), these are given in [3], appendix B. In this paper, we have constructed thirteen (13) BRD(10, 5, 4)s from the BIBD(10,5,4)s: call this set  $A$ , these are given in the appendix in the same order as in [3]. Gibbons BIB designs numbers 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19 and 21 were found, by an exhaustive computer search, not to give BRDs: call this set  $B$ . Hence thirteen of the twenty one inequivalent BIBD(10,5,4)s can be signed to BRD(10,5,4)s and eight cannot.

We write  $D_i||D_j = [D_iD_j]$  for the matrix of order  $v \times 2b$  with parameters  $(v, 2b, 2r, k, 2\lambda)$  when  $D_i$  is the matrix of order  $v$  with parameters  $(v, b, r, k, \lambda)$ . We note though that the eight BIBD(10, 5, 4)s, which can not be signed to BRD(10, 5, 4)s, satisfy Lemma 1. We use  $D_i||\overline{D_i}$  for the BRDs constructed using Lemma 1. Now we construct the BRD(10,5,8)s in two ways :

- i) if  $D_i, D_j \in A$ , there are 78 different BIBD(10,5,8)s for  $D_i||D_j$ , so we obtain 78 inequivalent BRD(10,5,8)s;
- ii) if  $E_k \in B$ , then  $E_k||E_k$  is a BIBD(10,5,8), and so we obtain 8 BRD(10,5,8)s.

Thus we have constructed 86 BRD(10,5,8)s of the  $\geq 135922$  possible cases.

**Theorem 2** *The conditions*

- i)  $\lambda(v - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$
- ii)  $\lambda v(v - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{20}$
- iii)  $b \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
- iv)  $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

*are necessary and sufficient for the existence of BRD(10, 5,  $\lambda$ ).*

**Remark** The inequivalent BRD(10,5,4)s are given in the appendix.

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**Appendix** Thirteen inequivalent BRD(10,18,9,5,4)s are given below :

BRD #	I					II					III					IV				
Gibbons #	I					II					III					IV				
1	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
2	1	2	$\bar{3}$	6	7	1	2	$\bar{3}$	6	7	1	$\bar{2}$	3	6	7	1	2	$\bar{3}$	6	7
3	1	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	8	9	1	$\bar{2}$	3	8	9	1	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{8}$	9	1	$\bar{2}$	3	$\bar{8}$	9
4	1	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$	10	1	$\bar{2}$	4	5	10	1	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{4}$	5	10	1	$\bar{2}$	4	$\bar{5}$	10
5	1	3	6	7	10	1	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{7}$	10	1	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{8}$	$\bar{10}$	1	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{8}$	10
6	1	4	$\bar{6}$	8	$\bar{9}$	1	$\bar{4}$	6	8	$\bar{9}$	1	4	$\bar{6}$	7	8	1	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{6}$	7	$\bar{9}$
7	1	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{8}$	$\bar{10}$	1	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{8}$	$\bar{10}$	1	$\bar{4}$	6	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$	1	$\bar{4}$	6	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$
8	1	5	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$	9	1	$\bar{5}$	7	$\bar{8}$	9	1	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$	9	1	5	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$	9
9	1	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$	1	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$	1	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{9}$	10	1	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{7}$	8	$\bar{10}$
10	2	$\bar{3}$	8	9	$\bar{10}$	2	3	8	9	$\bar{10}$	2	3	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$	2	3	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{9}$	10
11	2	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{6}$	7	$\bar{9}$	2	4	$\bar{6}$	7	$\bar{9}$	2	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{6}$	7	$\bar{9}$	2	4	$\bar{6}$	7	8
12	2	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{7}$	8	$\bar{10}$	2	4	$\bar{7}$	9	10	2	$\bar{4}$	7	$\bar{8}$	10	2	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{7}$	8	10
13	2	$\bar{5}$	6	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$	2	5	6	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$	2	5	6	$\bar{8}$	9	2	$\bar{5}$	6	$\bar{8}$	9
14	2	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	9	10	2	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	8	10	2	$\bar{5}$	6	8	10	2	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	9	$\bar{10}$
15	3	4	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	9	3	$\bar{4}$	5	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{9}$	3	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	9	3	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{8}$
16	3	$\bar{4}$	5	$\bar{7}$	8	3	4	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$	3	4	$\bar{5}$	7	$\bar{8}$	3	$\bar{4}$	5	7	9
17	3	$\bar{4}$	7	9	$\bar{10}$	3	$\bar{4}$	7	$\bar{8}$	10	3	$\bar{4}$	8	9	$\bar{10}$	3	4	$\bar{8}$	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$
18	3	$\bar{5}$	6	8	$\bar{10}$	3	$\bar{5}$	6	$\bar{9}$	10	3	5	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{7}$	10	3	$\bar{5}$	6	7	10

BRD #	V					VI					VII					VIII				
Gibbons #	V					VI					VII					VIII				
1	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
2	1	2	$\bar{3}$	6	7	1	$\bar{2}$	3	6	7	1	$\bar{2}$	3	6	7	1	2	$\bar{3}$	6	7
3	1	$\bar{2}$	3	8	9	1	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	8	9	1	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	8	9	1	$\bar{2}$	3	8	9
4	1	$\bar{2}$	4	5	10	1	2	$\bar{4}$	5	10	1	2	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$	10	1	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{4}$	5	10
5	1	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{7}$	10	1	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{8}$	$\bar{10}$	1	$\bar{3}$	6	$\bar{8}$	10	1	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{8}$	$\bar{10}$
6	1	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{8}$	$\bar{10}$	1	4	6	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$	1	4	$\bar{6}$	7	9	1	4	6	$\bar{7}$	10
7	1	$\bar{4}$	7	8	$\bar{9}$	1	4	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$	1	4	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$	$\bar{10}$	1	$\bar{4}$	8	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$
8	1	$\bar{5}$	6	$\bar{8}$	9	1	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	9	10	1	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$	1	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{9}$
9	1	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$	1	$\bar{5}$	7	8	$\bar{9}$	1	5	$\bar{7}$	8	$\bar{9}$	1	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$	9
10	2	3	8	9	$\bar{10}$	2	$\bar{3}$	7	9	$\bar{10}$	2	$\bar{3}$	7	9	10	2	3	$\bar{7}$	9	$\bar{10}$
11	2	4	$\bar{6}$	7	$\bar{8}$	2	4	$\bar{6}$	7	$\bar{9}$	2	4	6	$\bar{7}$	8	2	$\bar{4}$	6	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$
12	2	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{6}$	9	10	2	$\bar{4}$	6	8	$\bar{10}$	2	$\bar{4}$	6	9	$\bar{10}$	2	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{6}$	8	9
13	2	5	6	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{9}$	2	$\bar{5}$	6	$\bar{8}$	9	2	5	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{8}$	9	2	5	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{9}$	10
14	2	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{7}$	8	10	2	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{7}$	8	10	2	$\bar{5}$	7	8	$\bar{10}$	2	$\bar{5}$	7	8	10
15	3	4	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{9}$	3	$\bar{4}$	5	$\bar{6}$	9	3	4	$\bar{5}$	6	$\bar{8}$	3	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$	6	$\bar{9}$
16	3	$\bar{4}$	5	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$	3	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$	7	$\bar{8}$	3	$\bar{4}$	5	7	$\bar{9}$	3	$\bar{4}$	5	7	$\bar{8}$
17	3	$\bar{4}$	7	$\bar{9}$	10	3	4	8	9	$\bar{10}$	3	$\bar{4}$	8	9	10	3	4	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$
18	3	$\bar{5}$	6	$\bar{8}$	10	3	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{10}$	3	5	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{7}$	10	3	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{8}$	10

BRD #	X	XI	XVII	XVIII
Gibbons #	X	XI	XVII	XVIII
1	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
2	1 2 $\bar{3}$ 6 7	1 $\bar{2}$ $\bar{3}$ 6 7	1 $\bar{2}$ 3 6 7	1 $\bar{2}$ $\bar{3}$ 6 7
3	1 $\bar{2}$ 3 8 9	1 $\bar{2}$ 3 8 9	1 $\bar{2}$ $\bar{3}$ 8 9	1 2 $\bar{5}$ 7 8
4	1 $\bar{2}$ $\bar{4}$ 5 10	1 2 $\bar{4}$ $\bar{6}$ 10	1 2 $\bar{4}$ $\bar{6}$ 10	1 $\bar{2}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{7}$ 9
5	1 $\bar{3}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{8}$ 10	1 $\bar{3}$ 5 $\bar{8}$ 10	1 $\bar{3}$ $\bar{5}$ $\bar{8}$ 10	1 3 $\bar{5}$ 9 10
6	1 4 6 $\bar{9}$ $\bar{10}$	1 4 $\bar{5}$ 6 9	1 $\bar{4}$ 5 $\bar{9}$ $\bar{10}$	1 $\bar{3}$ $\bar{6}$ 8 $\bar{10}$
7	1 $\bar{4}$ $\bar{7}$ 8 $\bar{10}$	1 $\bar{4}$ $\bar{7}$ $\bar{8}$ $\bar{10}$	1 4 $\bar{6}$ 7 $\bar{9}$	1 $\bar{4}$ 7 $\bar{8}$ 10
8	1 $\bar{5}$ $\bar{6}$ 7 $\bar{9}$	1 $\bar{5}$ $\bar{7}$ 8 $\bar{9}$	1 $\bar{5}$ 6 $\bar{7}$ $\bar{8}$	1 $\bar{4}$ $\bar{7}$ $\bar{9}$ $\bar{10}$
9	1 $\bar{5}$ $\bar{7}$ $\bar{8}$ 9	1 $\bar{6}$ 7 $\bar{9}$ $\bar{10}$	1 $\bar{7}$ 8 9 $\bar{10}$	1 5 6 $\bar{8}$ $\bar{9}$
10	2 3 7 9 10	2 $\bar{3}$ 7 9 $\bar{10}$	2 $\bar{3}$ 7 9 $\bar{10}$	2 $\bar{3}$ $\bar{7}$ $\bar{8}$ 9
11	2 $\bar{4}$ 6 $\bar{7}$ $\bar{8}$	2 4 $\bar{5}$ 7 $\bar{9}$	2 $\bar{4}$ $\bar{5}$ 7 8	2 $\bar{3}$ 8 $\bar{9}$ 10
12	2 $\bar{4}$ $\bar{6}$ 8 $\bar{9}$	2 $\bar{4}$ 8 9 $\bar{10}$	2 4 $\bar{7}$ 8 10	2 4 $\bar{5}$ $\bar{8}$ $\bar{10}$
13	2 5 $\bar{6}$ 9 $\bar{10}$	2 $\bar{5}$ 6 $\bar{7}$ $\bar{8}$	2 5 6 $\bar{8}$ 9	2 $\bar{4}$ 6 9 $\bar{10}$
14	2 $\bar{5}$ $\bar{7}$ 8 10	2 5 6 8 10	2 $\bar{5}$ 6 $\bar{9}$ $\bar{10}$	2 5 $\bar{6}$ $\bar{7}$ 10
15	3 $\bar{4}$ $\bar{5}$ 6 7	3 $\bar{4}$ $\bar{5}$ 7 10	3 4 $\bar{5}$ 7 9	3 4 $\bar{5}$ $\bar{7}$ $\bar{9}$
16	3 $\bar{4}$ 5 $\bar{8}$ $\bar{9}$	3 $\bar{4}$ 6 7 $\bar{8}$	3 $\bar{4}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{8}$ 9	3 $\bar{4}$ 6 $\bar{7}$ 8
17	3 4 $\bar{7}$ $\bar{9}$ 10	3 4 $\bar{6}$ $\bar{8}$ 9	3 $\bar{4}$ 6 8 10	3 5 $\bar{6}$ 7 $\bar{10}$
18	3 $\bar{5}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{8}$ $\bar{10}$	3 5 6 $\bar{9}$ $\bar{10}$	3 $\bar{5}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{7}$ $\bar{10}$	4 5 6 8 9

BRD #	XX
Gibbons #	XX
1	1 2 3 4 5
2	1 2 $\bar{3}$ $\bar{4}$ 6
3	1 $\bar{2}$ 5 7 8
4	1 $\bar{2}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{7}$ 9
5	1 3 $\bar{5}$ $\bar{9}$ 10
6	1 $\bar{3}$ 7 9 10
7	1 4 6 $\bar{8}$ $\bar{9}$
8	1 $\bar{4}$ $\bar{7}$ 8 $\bar{10}$
9	1 $\bar{5}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{8}$ $\bar{10}$
10	2 3 $\bar{6}$ 8 10
11	2 $\bar{3}$ $\bar{7}$ 8 $\bar{9}$
12	2 4 5 9 $\bar{10}$
13	2 $\bar{4}$ $\bar{8}$ 9 10
14	2 $\bar{5}$ $\bar{6}$ 7 $\bar{10}$
15	3 $\bar{4}$ 5 $\bar{7}$ $\bar{8}$
16	3 $\bar{4}$ 6 7 $\bar{10}$
17	3 $\bar{5}$ 6 8 9
18	4 $\bar{5}$ 6 $\bar{7}$ 9