

## SYMBOLIC DIRECT PRODUCT DESIGNS

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### ABSTRACT

*Symbolic direct product of matrices has been applied to the incidence matrices of block designs to define the symbolic direct product designs. The properties of the derived design have been studied to see how the properties of the component designs are carried into the new design.*

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### 1. Introduction :

The method of symbolic direct product of matrices was first used by Chakravorti (1956) to generate orthogonal asymmetrical fractional factorial plans from known solution of orthogonal plan of symmetrical factorial designs. Raktoe, Hedayat and Federer (1981 page 187) termed it direct product. Here we have used the nomenclature symbolic direct product (SDP) to distinguish it from the ordinary direct product of matrices. New designs have been formed by using the operation of SDP to the incidence matrices of two designs. In Section 2 we have given the analysis of the derived design and have shown how the C-matrix of the derived design is related to those of the component designs. We have exploited these relationships to study the optimality of the derived designs in section 4. In section 3, some combinatorial aspects of these derived designs have been studied.

Let us give the definitions.

#### Definition – 1.1

Let  $A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  and  $B = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$  be respectively  $m \times n$  and  $p \times q$  matrices. Then the symbolic direct product  $A \otimes B$  of order  $(m + p) \times nq$  of the matrices A and B is defined by

$$A \otimes B = \begin{Bmatrix} a_1 & a_1 \dots a_1 & a_2 \dots a_2 & \dots & a_n \dots a_n \\ b_1 & b_2 \dots b_2 & b_1 \dots b_2 & \dots & b_n \dots b_n \end{Bmatrix}$$

#### Definition 1.2 :

Let  $N_1^{v_1 \times b_1} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{b_1})$  and  $N_2^{v_2 \times b_2} = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{b_2})$  be the incidence matrices of two

designs  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  respectively. Then the design d whose incidence matrix N is given by  $N_1 \otimes N_2$  is called the Symbolic Direct Product Design (SDPD) of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ .

It is clear from the definition that the symbolic direct product design d of the designs  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  is obtained by taking the treatments of every block of  $d_2$  into every block of  $d_1$ . Again if the  $b_i$  columns of  $N_1$  are assumed to give a fractional design of a  $v_i$ -factor experiment  $i = 1, 2$ , in a single block then d is Kronecker product design (Vartak, 1955) of the fractional designs. It may be seen that if the vectors in  $A \otimes B$  be scalars, then we get the SDP in the sense of Kurkjian and Zelen (1962).

### 2. Analysis of the Symbolic Direct Product Design :

Let d be a binary design with the parameters  $v, b, r, k_i$  and  $\lambda_{jj}^{(i)}, i = 1, 2$ . Then the design  $d = d_1 \otimes d_2$  has the following parameters.

$$v = v_1 + v_2, \quad b = b_1 b_2, \quad k = k_1 + k_2$$

$$r_{10} = \text{replication of any treatment } t_{1j_1} \text{ of } d_1 = b_2 r_1$$

$$r_{20} = \text{replication of any treatment } t_{2j_2} \text{ of } d_2 = b_1 r_2$$

$$\lambda_{jj'}^{(1)} = \text{replication of any treatment } t_{1j} \text{ and } t_{1j'} \text{ of}$$

$$d_1 = b_2 \lambda_{jj'}^{(1)}$$

$$\lambda_{jj'}^{(2)} = \text{replication of any treatment } t_{2j} \text{ and } t_{2j'}$$

$$\text{of } d_1 = b_2 \lambda_{jj'}^{(2)}$$

$$\lambda_{jj'} = \text{replication of any treatment } t_{1j} \text{ of } d_1 \text{ and}$$

$$t_{2j'} \text{ of } d_2 = r_1 r_2 \tag{2.1}$$

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Let  $C_{11}^{v_1 \times v_1} = b_2 r_1 I_1 - K^{-1} b_2 N_1 N_1'$ ,

$$C_{22}^{v_2 \times v_2} = b_1 r_2 I_2 - K^{-1} b_1 N_2 N_2'$$

and  $C_{12}^{v_1 \times v_2} = C_{21}' = -K^{-1} (r_1 r_2) E_{12}$

where  $I_i = v_i \times v_i$  identity matrix  $i = 1, 2$  and  $E_{12} = v_1 \times v_2$  matrix with all elements unity. Then it can be shown that the C-matrix of the design d is given by

$$C^{v \times v} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2)$$

Let  $t' = (t'_1, t'_2) =$  vector of treatments of the design d

where  $t'_1 = (t_{11}, t_{12}, \dots, t_{1v_1}) =$  vector of treatments of the design  $d_1$

and  $t'_2 = (t_{21}, t_{22}, \dots, t_{2v_2}) =$  vector of treatments of the design  $d_2$

We also define  $Q' = (Q'_1, Q'_2)$ , the vector of adjusted treatment totals for the treatments in d, where

$Q'_i = (Q_{i1}, Q_{i2}, \dots, Q_{iv_i})$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and

$$Q_{ij_1} = T_{ij_i} - k_i^{-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{b_1} \sum_{\alpha'=1}^{b_2} W_{j_1(\alpha\alpha')} B_{\alpha\alpha'}$$

where  $B_{\alpha\alpha'}$  represents the  $(\alpha, \alpha')$  th block total  $W_{j_1(\alpha\alpha')}$  represents the element in the  $j_1$ th row and  $(\alpha, \alpha')$  th column of the incidence matrix N of d, and  $T_{ij_i}$  is the treatment total of the treatment  $T_{ij_i}$  from design d,  $1 \leq j_i \leq v_i, 1 \leq \alpha \leq b_1, 1 \leq \alpha' \leq b_2, 1 \leq i \leq 2$ .

Also let  $C_i$  be the C-matrix of  $d_i, i = 1, 2$ . Then the reduced normal equations for  $t' = (t'_1, t'_2)$  become

$$\begin{aligned} k^{-1} b_2 (r_1 k_2 I_1 + k_1 C_1) t_1 - k^{-1} (r_1 r_2) E_{12} t_2 &= Q_1 \\ -k^{-1} (r_1 r_2) E_{21} t_1 + k^{-1} b_1 (r_2 k_1 I_2 + k_2 C_2) t_2 &= Q_2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Adding separately the first and second set of equations in (2.3) and introducing the non-estimable restriction

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{t}_0 = \sum_{i=1}^v \hat{t}_i = \sum_{j_1} \hat{t}_{1j_1} + \sum_{j_2} \hat{t}_{2j_2} = \hat{t}_{10} + \hat{t}_{20} = 0 \text{ we get,} \\ \hat{t}_{10} = (v r_1 r_2)^{-1} Q_{10}, \hat{t}_{20} = (r_1 r_2 v)^{-1} Q_{20} \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

where  $Q_{i0} = \sum_{j_1} Q_{ij_1}, i = 1, 2$ . Since for  $i = 1, 2, b_i k_i = v_i r_i$  and  $v = v_1 + v_2$ , we get from the first set of equations in (2.3)

$$W_1 \hat{t}_1 = k(Q_1 + v^{-1} E_{12} Q_2) \quad (2.5)$$

where  $W_1 = b_2 k_1 (C_1 + k^{-1} r_1 k_2 I_1)$

Now we assume that both  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are connected so that the characteristic roots of  $C_i$  are  $\lambda_{i1} = 0, \lambda_{i2} > 0, \dots, \lambda_{iv_i} > 0$ , and the corresponding

orthogonal characteristic vectors are  $\eta_{i1}, \eta_{i2}, \dots, \eta_{iv_i}, 1 < i < 2$ . Then it is easy to see that

$$b_2 k_1 (\lambda_{1j} + r_1 k_2 k^{-1})$$

( $> 0$ ) is a characteristic root of  $W_1$  with the characteristic vector  $\lambda_{ij}, 1 < j < v_1$ . Therefore  $W_1$  is positive definite so that

$$\hat{t}_1 = k W_1^{-1} (Q_1 + v^{-1} E_{12} Q_2) \quad (2.6)$$

In the same way

$$\hat{t}_2 = k W_2^{-1} (Q_2 + v^{-1} E_{21} Q_1) \quad (2.7)$$

where  $W_2 = b_1 k_2 (C_2 + k^{-1} r_2 k_1 I_2)$  which is also a p. d. matrix. Therefore the adjusted treatment sum of squares (with d. f.  $v - 1$ ) is given by

$$\hat{t}' Q = \hat{t}'_1 Q_1 + \hat{t}'_2 Q_2 = k(Q'_1 W_1^{-1} Q_1 + Q'_2 W_2^{-1} Q_2) \quad (2.8)$$

Hence the ANOVA table for testing  $H_0 : t_1 = t_2 = \dots = t_v$  can be easily constructed.

Again as we have assumed  $C_i$ , the C-matrix of  $d_i$  has the ch. roots  $\lambda_{i1} = 0, \lambda_{i2} > 0, \dots, \lambda_{iv_i} > 0$ , with

the corresponding ch. vectors  $\eta_{i1}, \eta_{i2}, \dots, \eta_{iv_i}$ , where,

$\eta_{i1} = v^{-1/2} \cdot \mathbf{1}_i$ , then it can be shown that the C-matrix of d has the following ch. roots and orthonormal ch. vectors.

Characteristic root

Characteristic vector

(1)  $\mu_1 = 0$

$v^{-1/2} \mathbf{1}$

(2)  $\mu_2 = k^{-1} b_2 (r_1 k_2 + k_1 \lambda_{1j})$

$\eta'_j = (\eta', O'), 2 \leq j \leq v_1 \sim ij \sim 2$

(3)  $\mu_{v_1+1} + 1 = k^{-1} r_1 r_2 v$

$\eta'_{v_1+1} = (v v_1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} V_2^2 I_1' - (V V_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} V_1^2 I_2'$

(4)  $\mu_{v_1+j} = k^{-1} b_1 (r_2 k_1 + k_{22j})$

$\eta'_j = (O_1' \eta_{2j}'), 2 \leq j \leq v_2 \tag{2.9}$

where  $1_i$  and  $1$  are  $v_i \times 1$  and  $v \times 1$  vectors of unities respectively,  $i = 1, 2, O_1' = 1 \times v_i$  null matrix,  $i = 1, 2$ . Thus we get the following Lemma.

**Lemma 2.1 :**  $d$  is connected if  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are connected and conversely.

**3. Some combinatorial properties**

Nair and Rao (1942) introduced inter-and intra-group balanced block design (IIGBBD) which was also studied by Corsten (1962), Adhikary (1965) and others. Let there be  $v$  treatments divided into  $m$  groups  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m$  having respectively  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  treatments (obviously  $v = \sum_{i=1}^m v_i$ ). Then if the treatments are arranged in  $b$  blocks each of size  $k$  such that any treatment belonging to  $G_i$  occurs  $r_i$  times and any two treatments of  $G_i$  occur together in  $\lambda_{ii}$  blocks, any treatment of  $G_i$  occurs with any treatment of  $G_j$  in  $\lambda_{ij}$  blocks of the design  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq m$ . We now generalize this IIGBBD to inter-and intra-group partially balanced block design (IIGPBBD). Let the  $v_i$  treatments in  $G_i$  follow a partially balanced association scheme  $S_p, 1 \leq i \leq m$  and the  $v_i v_{i'}$  pairs of treatments from  $G_i$  and  $G_{i'}$  can be grouped into  $m_{ii'}$  sets  $1 \leq i \neq i' \leq m$ . Then we have the following definition.

**Definition – 3.1 :** A set of  $v$  treatments arranged in  $b$  blocks of size  $k$  is said to be an IIGPBBD if it satisfies the following conditions :

- i) Every treatment belonging to  $G_i$  occurs in  $r_i$  blocks,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .
- ii) If any two treatments of  $G_i$  are  $j$ th associate, then they occur together in  $\lambda_j^{(i)}$  blocks,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ .

iii) Any treatment  $t$  belonging to  $G_i$  and any treatment belonging to  $G_{i'}$ , occur together in  $\lambda_{ii'}^{(\alpha)}$  blocks, if the two treatments are chosen from the  $\alpha$ th set of  $v_i v_{i'}$  pairs of treatments,  $1 \leq \alpha \leq m_{ii'}, 1 \leq i \neq i' \leq m$ .

Let us denote such a design by IIGPBBD  $(\sum v_i, b, k, r_1 r_2, \dots, r_m, \lambda_j^{(i)}, \lambda_{ii}^{(\alpha)})$ . Obviously if  $\lambda_j^{(i)}$  and  $\lambda_{ii}^{(\alpha)}$  be independent of  $j$  and  $\alpha$  respectively then the IIGPBBD reduces to IIGBED. We now state the following theorem which is easy to prove.

**Theorem 3.1 :** If we have two PBIBD's  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  with parameters

$d_i (v_i, b_i, r_{i0}, k_i, \lambda_{ij}, j = 1, 2, \dots, m_i), 1 \leq i \leq 2$ . Then the SDPD of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  is an IIGPBBD with parameters  $v = v_1 + v_2, b = b_1 b_2, r_1 = r_{10} b_2, r_2 = r_{20} b_1, k = k_1 + k_2, \gamma_j^{(i)} = \lambda_{1j} \cdot b_j^{(2)}, \lambda_j^{(2)} = \lambda_{2j} \cdot b_1, 1 \leq j \leq m_i, \lambda_{12} = r_{10} \cdot r_{20}$

**Corollary 3.1 :** If  $d_i$  be a BIBD with parameters  $d_i (v_i, b_i, r_{i0}, k_i, \lambda_i), i = 1, 2$ , then  $d = d_1 \otimes d_2$  is an IIGBBD with parameters  $v = v_1 + v_2$

$b = b_1 b_2, r_1 = r_{20} \cdot b_1, \lambda_{11} = \lambda_1 b_2, \lambda_{22} = \lambda_2 b_1$   
and  $\lambda_{22} = \lambda_2 b_1$  and  $\lambda_{12} = r_{10} \cdot r_{20} \dots$

**Corollary 3.2 :** If  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  be two BIBD's with same parameters  $(v_0, b_0, r_0, k_0, \gamma_0)$  but with different symbols then  $d = d_1 \otimes d_2$  is a semiregular group divisible design (SRGDD).

**Proof :** Let the treatment of  $d_1$  form a group  $G_i, i =$

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1, 2 and let any two treatments of the same group are first associate and any two treatments of different groups are second associate. Then it is easy to see that  $d = d_1 \otimes d_2$  is a GDD with two groups containing  $v$  treatments each, with parameters  $v=2v_0, b=b_0^2, k=2k_0, r=b_0r_0, \lambda_1=b_0\lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_2 = r_0^2$ . It is clearly seen that  $rk-v\lambda_2 = 0$ , so that the design is a SRGD.

**Corollary – 3.3 :** If  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  be two IIGBBD's then  $d = d_1 \otimes d_2$  is again a IIGBBD.

**Theorem 3.2 :** If  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  represent two  $m$ -associate PBIBD's which are same except for the treatment symbols then  $d = d_1 \otimes d_2$  gives a PBIBD with  $(m + 1)$  associate classes.

**Proof :** Let (i1), (i2), ..., (iv<sub>0</sub>) represent the  $v_0$  symbols of the design  $d_1$ , which are such that the  $v_0$  treatments of  $d_1$  have an association scheme  $S_i$  among themselves,  $i = 1, 2$ . Let us define any treatment of  $d_1$  to be an  $(m + 1)$ th associate of any treatment of  $d_2$ . Also if  $B_{j0}$  be the  $j$ th association matrix of the treatments of  $d_1$  (and hence of  $d_2$  also)  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  then  $d$  is obviously a  $(m+1)$  associate PBIBD with the association matrices as

$$B_j = \begin{pmatrix} B_{j0} & 0 \\ 0 & B_{j0} \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } j = 1, 2, \dots, m, = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E \\ E & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } j = m + 1$$

where  $0$  is a  $v_0 \times v_0$  null matrix and  $E$  is a  $v_0 \times v_0$  matrix with all elements unity.

Partially balanced ternary design was introduced by Paik and Federer (1973). A design  $d$  having the incidence matrix  $N^{v \times b}$  with elements 0, 1, 2 each occurring at least one in each row, is said to be partially balanced ternary design if

$$NN' = a_0B_0 + a_1B_1 + \dots + a_mB_m \tag{3.1}$$

where  $B_i$ 's ( $i \geq 1$ ) are the association matrices and  $B_0$  is  $v \times v$  identity and  $a_i$ 's are scalars. Now suppose that design  $d$  with the incidence matrix  $N$  denotes a PBIBD with parameters  $v_0, b_0, r_0, \lambda_{10}$  and  $\lambda_{20}$ . Then we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.3 :**  $d_0 = d \otimes d$  gives a partially balanced ternary design.

**Proof :** The proof follows by noting that  $N_0 = N_1 \otimes$

$N_2 = N_1 + N_2, N_1 = N_2 = N$ , where  $+$  denotes the direct sum of the columns of  $N$ . Then it can be shown that  $N_0N_0'$  has the same structure as in (3.1).

**Corollary 3.3 :** If  $d$  be BIBD, then  $d_0 = d \times d$  is a balanced ternary design) (Tocher 1952).

**Remark – 3.1 :** This process can be continued to have balanced of partially balanced n-any designs.

**4. Optimum properties :**

In this section, we have studied the optimum properties of the derived design from those of the component designs.

To start with, let  $D(v, b, k)$  be the collection of all binary equireplicate and proper designs with given parameters  $v$  (number of varieties),  $b$  (number of blocks) and  $k$  (block size). With the usual additive model, let  $C_d$  be the coefficient matrix of the design  $d$ . Then the theory of optimal experimental design is concerned with the problem of selecting a design which minimises some functional  $\Psi$  of  $C_d$  over all possible designs (for details see Kiefer (1959, 1975)). It is known (Kiefer (1975)) that if for a design  $d$ ,  $C$ -matrix is completely symmetric (c. s.), it is universally optimal. And such designs with  $C$ -matrix c. s. exist only for some restricted class of parameter of  $v, b$  and  $k$ . Cheng (1978) looked into the case where there was no BBD (for which  $c$ -matrix is c.s.) and introduced the type 1 and type 2 criteria.

Let  $B_{v_0}$  be the class of  $v \times v$  symmetric matrices with row and column sums all zeroes. Let  $C_d$  be a matrix belonging to  $v_0$  where  $d \in D$ , a class of binary designs with parameters  $v, b, k$  and let the ch-roots of  $C_d$  be  $\lambda_{d1} = 0, \lambda_{d2} > 0, \dots, \lambda_{dv} > 0$ . Then a design  $d^*$  will be called type-1 or type-2 optimal if the roots of the associated matrix  $C_d$  minimise the functional  $\Psi f$  defined

$$\text{by } \sum_{i=2}^v f(\lambda_{di}), \text{ where } f \text{ is continuous, strictly convex,}$$

strictly decreasing having continuous derivatives and being strictly concave for type-I and strictly convex for type-2, i.e.  $f' < 0, f'' > 0, f''' < 0$  for type-I and  $f'''' > 0$  for type-2.

**Theorem 4.1 :** Let  $d_i \in D, i=1, 2$  be type-I or type-2 optimal. Then the SDP design  $d = d_1 \otimes d_2$  is also type-I or type-2 optimal in the class of designs

$$D = D_1 \otimes D_2 = \{d_0/d_0 = d_1 \otimes d_2, d_i \in D, i=1, 2\}$$

**Proof :** We note from (2.9) that if  $x$  be a root of  $d_1$  and  $y$  be a root of  $d_2$  ( $x > 0, y > 0$ ) then the (+)ve roots of  $d_0$  are given by  $g(x) = a + bx, w(y) = c + dy$  and another root  $\mu$  which solely depends on the parameters of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ , where (from Section-2)  $a > 0, b > 0, d > 0, c > 0$ . Now  $d_0$  would be type  $i, i = 1, 2$  optimal if

$$\sum_x f(g(x)) + \sum_y f(W(Y)) + f(\mu) \text{ is minimum}$$

for all designs  $d_0 \in \mathbf{D}$ . It is sufficient to prove the first

part. Now we can write  $\sum_x f(g(x)) = \sum_x F(x)$ ,

where  $F = f(g)$ ,  $g$  is continuous, monotonically increasing. Therefore it follows that  $F$  satisfies all the properties of  $f(\cdot)$ . But since  $d_1$  is type  $i$  opt.,  $i=1,2, \sum_x F(x)$

is min, which implies that  $\sum_x f(g(x))$  is min. Hence

the Theorem is proved.

From the above theorem, the following corollary is immediate.

**Corollary 4.1 :** The design  $d_0 = d_{10} \otimes d_{20}$  where  $d_{10}$  and  $d_{20}$  are (BIBD's) with respective parameters, is optimum with respect to optimality criteria of type  $i, i = 1, 2$  among all designs  $\mathbf{D} = \{d = d_1 \otimes d_2, d_1 \in \mathbf{D}_1, d_2 \in \mathbf{D}_2\}$  where  $\mathbf{D}_i$  is the class of all connected proper (incomplete) block designs,  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Corollary 4.2 :** IIGBBD with parameters  $v = v_1 + v_2, b = b_1 b_2, k = k_1 + k_2, r_1 = r_{10} b_2, r_2 = r_{20} b_1, \lambda_{11} = \lambda_{11} b_2, \lambda_{22} = \lambda_{22} b_1$  and  $\lambda_{21} = r_{10} r_{20}$  is optimum within SDP designs similar to those in Corollary 4.2 with respect to optimality of type  $i, i = 1, 2$ .

**Proof :** Proof follows from Corollaries 3.1 and 4.1.

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