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The concept of Neighbor Balanced Block (NBB) designs is defined for the experimental situation where the treatments are combinations of levels of two factors and only one of the factors exhibits a neighbor effect. Methods of constructing complete NBB designs for two factors in a plot that is strongly neighbor balanced for one factor are obtained. These designs are variance balanced for estimating the direct effects of contrasts pertaining to combinations of levels of both the factors. An incomplete NBB design for two factors is also presented and is found to be partially variance balanced with three associate classes.

Key words: Circular design, neighbor balanced, strongly neighbor balanced, variance balanced, partially variance balanced.

Introduction
In many agricultural experiments, the response from a given plot is affected by treatments applied to neighboring plots provided the plots are adjacent with no gaps. For example, when treatments are varieties, neighbor effects may be caused due to differences in height or date of germination, especially on small plots. Treatments such as fertilizer, irrigation, or pesticide may spread to adjacent plots causing neighbor effects. In order to avoid the bias in

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comparing the effects of treatments in such a situation, it is important to ensure that no treatment is unduly disadvantaged by its neighbor. Neighbor Balanced Designs, wherein the allocation of treatments is such that every treatment occurs equally often with every other treatment as neighbors, are used for these situations. These designs permit the estimation of direct and neighbor effects of treatments.

Azais, et al. (1993) developed a series of circular neighbor balanced block (NBB) designs for single factor experiments. A NBB design for a single factor with border plots is circular if the treatment in the left border is the same as the treatment in the right-end inner plot and the treatment in the right border is the same as the treatment in the left-end inner plot. Tomar, et al. (2005) also obtained some incomplete NBB designs for single factor experiments.

In certain experimental situations, the treatments are the combination of levels of two factors and only one of the factors exhibits neighbor effects. For example, agroforestry experiments consist of tree and crop combination in a plot and, because trees are much taller than the crop, it is suspected that the tree species of one plot may affect the response from the neighboring plots. The effect of the crop species in neighboring plots is assumed to be negligible. Under this situation, it is therefore desirable that designs allowing the estimation of direct effects of treatment combinations free of
neighbor effects are developed. Langton (1990) advocated the use of both NBBs and guard areas in agroforestry experiments. Monod and Bailey (1993) presented two factor designs balanced for the neighbor effect of one factor.

NBB designs are defined for the experimental situation where the treatments are the combinations of levels of two factors and only one of the factors exhibits a neighbor effect in a block design with no gaps or guard areas between the plots. Some methods of constructing these designs balanced for the effects of one factor in the adjacent neighboring plots are presented.

## Model

Let $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$ be two factors in an experiment with $f_{1}$ and $f_{2}$ levels, respectively. The $f_{l}$ levels are represented as $(1,2, \ldots)$ and the $f_{2}$ levels as $(a, b, \ldots)$. Consider an inner plot $\mathrm{i}(\mathrm{i}=$ $1,2, \ldots, k)$ in the block $\theta(\mathrm{i})[=1,2, \ldots, \mathrm{~b}]$ of a block design with a left neighbor plot $\mathrm{i}-1$ and a right neighbor plot $\mathrm{i}+1$. Let $\phi(\mathrm{i})$ and $\varphi(\mathrm{i})$ denote the levels of $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{F}_{2}$, respectively, on i. The general fixed effects model (Monod and Bailey, 1993) for $\mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{i}}$, the response from plot i considered is
$\mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{i}}=\mu+\beta_{\theta(\mathrm{i})}+\tau_{\phi(\mathrm{i}), \varphi(\mathrm{i})}+\delta_{\phi(\mathrm{i}-1)}+\rho_{\phi(\mathrm{i}+1)}+\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$
where $\mu$ is the general mean, $\beta_{\theta(\mathrm{i})}$ is the effect of block $\theta(\mathrm{i})$ to which plot i belongs, $\tau_{\phi(\mathrm{i}), \varphi(\mathrm{i})}$ is the direct effect of the treatment combination $\phi(\mathrm{i}) \varphi(\mathrm{i}), \delta_{\phi(\mathrm{i}-1)}$ is the left neighbor effect of $\phi(\mathrm{i}-$ 1), $\rho_{\phi(i+1)}$ is the right neighbor effect of $\phi(i+1)$ and $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$ is a random error term assumed to be identically and independently distributed with mean zero and constant variance.

## Definitions

The following definitions for a block design with two factors in a plot and with neighbor effects for one factor (for example, $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ ) from adjacent neighboring plots are provided.

Definition 1: circular block design. A block containing plots with treatment combinations and border plots is said to be left circular if the level of $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ on the left border is the
same as the level of $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ on the right end inner plot. It is right circular if the level of $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ on the right border is the same as the level of $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ on the left end inner plot. A circular block is a left as well as right circular. A design with all circular blocks is called a circular block design. Note that the observations are not recorded from the border plots; these plots are taken only to have the neighbor effects of factor $\mathrm{F}_{1}$.

Definition 2 : strongly neighbor balanced. A circular block design with two factors $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$ is called strongly neighbor balanced for factor $F_{1}$ if every combination of the two factors has each of the levels of factor $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ as a right as well as a left neighbor a constant number of times, for example, $\mu_{1}^{\prime}$.

Definition 3: neighbor balanced. A circular block design with two factors $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$ is neighbor balanced for factor $F_{1}$ if every combination of the two factors has levels of factor $F_{1}$ (except the level appearing in the combination) appearing $\mu_{1}^{\prime \prime}$ times as a right and as a left neighbor.

Definition 4: variance balanced. A block design for two factors with left and right neighbor effects of factor $F_{1}$ is said to be variance balanced if the contrasts in the direct effects of $f_{1} \times f_{2}$ combinations are estimated with the same variance, for example, V .

Definition 5: partially variance balanced. A block design for two factors with neighbor effects is partially variance balanced following some association scheme if the contrasts pertaining to the $f_{1} \times f_{2}$ combinations from $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$ factors are estimated with different variances, depending upon the order of association scheme.

## Methodology

Complete NBB Designs for Two Factors: Method 1

Let $f_{1}$ be a prime number with its primitive root as x and $f_{2}=f_{1}-s, s=1,2, \ldots, f_{1}$ - 2. Obtain a basic array of $f_{2}$ columns each of size $f_{l}$ from the following initial sequence for values of $i=1,2, \ldots, f_{2}$ :


Develop the columns of this array cyclically, $\bmod f_{1}$ to obtain $f_{1}$ sets of $f_{2}$ columns each. Allocate $f_{2}$ symbols denoted by $a, b, \ldots$ to each of the sets in such a way that symbol $a$ occurs with all entries of column 1 in each set, $b$ with all entries of column 2 of each set and so on. Considering the rows as blocks and making the blocks circular by adding appropriate border plots results in a complete block design for $f_{1} f_{2}$ treatment combinations with $f_{l}$ blocks each of size $f_{l} f_{2}$ which is strongly neighbor balanced for factor $\mathrm{F}_{1}$. It is observed that each of the $f_{1} f_{2}$ combinations of factor $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$ has each level of factor $F_{1}$ as left and right neighbor once, that is, $\mu_{1}^{\prime}=1$, and the design is complete in the sense that all the $f_{1} f_{2}$ combinations appear in a block. The designs obtained are variance balanced for estimating the direct effects of contrasts in $f_{1} f_{2}$ treatment combinations as the corresponding information matrix $\left(\mathbf{C}_{\tau}\right)$ is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{C}_{\tau}=f_{1} \mathbf{I}-\frac{1}{f_{2}} \mathbf{J} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathbf{I}$ is an identity matrix of order $f_{1} f_{2}$ and $\mathbf{J}$ is the matrix of all unities.

## Example 1

Let $f_{l}=5$ be the number of level of first factor $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ represented by $1,2,3,4,5$. Further let $s=3$ resulting in $f_{2}=f_{1}-s=2$ level of second factor denoted by $a, b$. If the rows represent the blocks and $5 \times 2(=10)$ treatment combinations in rows the block contents, then the following arrangement forms a circular complete block design for 10 treatment combinations in five blocks each of size 10 strongly neighbor balanced for five levels of $F_{1}$ :


It may be observed from the above that all the 10 combinations of factor $F_{1}$ and $F_{1}$ are balanced for factor $F_{1}$ as each combination has each of the levels of factor $F_{1}$ as left and right neighbor exactly once.

Example 2
If $f_{l}=5$ and $s=2$, then $f_{2}=3$ and the design for 15 treatment combinations is as follows:

| 4 | $5 a 5 b 5 c$ | $1 a 1 b 1 c$ | $2 a 2 b 2 c$ | $3 a 3 b 3 c$ | $4 a 4 b 4 c$ | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | $2 a 4 b 3 c$ | $3 a 5 b 4 c$ | $4 a \mathrm{lb} 5 \mathrm{c}$ | $5 a 2 b 1 c$ | 1a 3b 2c |  |
| 5 | 4 ab 1 c | $5 a 4 b 2 c$ | 1a 5 b 3c | $2 a 1 b 4 c$ | $3 a 2 b 5 c$ |  |
| 1 | $3 \mathrm{l} 1 \mathrm{~b} 2 c$ | $4 a 2 b 3 c$ | $5 a 3 b 4 c$ | 1a 4b 5c | $2 a 5 b 1 c$ | 3 |
| 3 | $1 a 2 b 4 c$ | $2 a 3 b 5 c$ | $3 a$ | $4 a 5 b 2 c$ | $5 a 1 b 3 c$ | 1 |

Table 1 presents a list of designs consisting of the variance of contrast between different treatments combinations (V) along with other parameters for number of level of first factor $\left(\mathrm{F}_{1}\right) \leq 13$.

Complete NBB Designs for Two Factors: Method 2

Let $f_{1}$ be an even number and $f_{2}=2$. Obtain a square array $\mathbf{L}$ of order $f_{l}$ by developing the following initial sequence $\bmod f_{1}$ (replacing 0 by $f_{l}$ ):

$$
1 \quad f_{l} \quad 2 \quad f_{l}-1 \ldots \frac{f_{1}}{2} \quad \frac{f_{1}}{2}+1
$$

Table 1: Parameters and Variance of Strongly Complete NBB Designs for Two Factors

| $f_{1}$ | $s$ | $f_{2}$ | $k=f_{1} f_{2}$ | $b=f_{1}$ | $\mu_{1}^{\prime}$ | V |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 5 | 1 | 0.40 |
|  | 2 | 3 | 15 |  | 1 | 0.40 |
|  | 3 | 2 | 10 |  | 1 | 0.40 |
| 7 | 1 | 6 | 42 | 7 | 1 | 0.29 |
|  | 2 | 5 | 35 |  | 1 | 0.29 |
|  | 3 | 4 | 28 |  | 1 | 0.29 |
|  | 4 | 3 | 21 |  | 1 | 0.29 |
|  | 5 | 2 | 14 |  | 1 | 0.29 |
| 11 | 1 | 10 | 110 | 11 | 1 | 0.18 |
|  | 2 | 9 | 99 |  | 1 | 0.18 |
|  | 3 | 8 | 88 |  | 1 | 0.18 |
|  | 4 | 7 | 77 |  | 1 | 0.18 |
|  | 5 | 6 | 66 |  | 1 | 0.18 |
|  | 6 | 5 | 55 |  | 1 | 0.18 |
|  | 7 | 4 | 44 |  | 1 | 0.18 |
|  | 8 | 3 | 33 |  | 1 | 0.18 |
|  | 9 | 2 | 22 |  | 1 | 0.18 |
| 13 | 1 | 12 | 156 | 13 | 1 | 0.15 |
|  | 2 | 11 | 143 |  | 1 | 0.15 |
|  | 3 | 10 | 130 |  | 1 | 0.15 |
|  | 4 | 9 | 117 |  | 1 | 0.15 |
|  | 5 | 8 | 104 |  | 1 | 0.15 |
|  | 6 | 7 | 91 |  | 1 | 0.15 |
|  | 7 | 6 | 78 |  | 1 | 0.15 |
|  | 8 | 5 | 65 |  | 1 | 0.15 |
|  | 9 | 4 | 52 |  | 1 | 0.15 |
|  | 10 | 3 | 39 |  | 1 | 0.15 |
|  | 11 | 2 | 26 |  | 1 | 0.15 |

Juxtapose the mirror image $\mathbf{L}^{\prime}$ of $\mathbf{L}$ to the right hand side of $\mathbf{L}$ to obtain an arrangement of $f_{l}$ rows and $2 f_{l}$ columns, and allocate the first level of $F_{2}$ to all the units of $\mathbf{L}$ and second level to all the units of $\mathbf{L}^{\prime}$. Considering the rows as blocks and making the blocks circular results in a complete NBB design with block size $2 f_{1}$ which is strongly neighbor balanced for factor $\mathrm{F}_{1}$. Each of the $2 f_{l}$ combinations of factor $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{F}_{2}$ have each level of factor $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ as left and right neighbor exactly once, that is, $\mu_{1}^{\prime}=1$ and the design is also variance balanced.

In general, for any even number of levels of $\mathrm{F}_{2}\left(f_{2}=2 n\right)$, the squares may be juxtaposed in the following manner:

## $\mathbf{L} \quad \mathbf{L}^{\prime}$ <br> L $\mathbf{L}^{\prime} \quad$...

Allocating the first level of $\mathrm{F}_{2}$ to each unit in $\mathbf{L}$, second level to units in $\mathbf{L}^{\prime}$, third level to units in $\mathbf{L}$ again and so on, a complete NBB design in $f_{l}$ blocks of size $2 f_{1} n$ balanced for factor $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ is obtained. The designs obtained are also variance balanced for estimating the direct effects of
contrasts in $2 f_{1} n$ treatment combinations as the corresponding information matrix $\left(\mathbf{C}_{\tau}\right)$ is of the following form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{C}_{\tau}=f_{l} \mathbf{I}-\frac{1}{2 n} \mathbf{J} . \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Example 3
Let $f_{1}=6$ and $f_{2}=2$. Figure 1 shows a circular complete NBB block design for $6 \times 2(=$ 12) combinations in six blocks of size 12 balanced for six levels of $\mathrm{F}_{1}$. For $f_{2}=4$, the design obtained for $6 \times 4(=24)$ combinations in six blocks of size 24 strongly balanced for six levels of $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ is shown in Figure 2.

Figure 1: Circular Complete NBB Block Design for $6 \times 2(=12)$
Combinations

| L |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{L}^{\prime}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $1 a$ | $6 a$ | $2 a$ | $5 a$ | $3 a$ | $4 a$ | $4 b$ | $3 b$ | $5 b$ | $2 b$ | $6 b$ | $1 b$ | 1 |
| 2 | $2 a$ | $1 a$ | $3 a$ | $6 a$ | $4 a$ | $5 a$ | $5 b$ | $4 b$ | $6 b$ | $3 b$ | $1 b$ | $2 b$ | 2 |
| 3 | $3 a$ | $2 a$ | $4 a$ | $1 a$ | $5 a$ | $6 a$ | $6 b$ | $5 b$ | $1 b$ | $4 b$ | $2 b$ | $3 b$ | 3 |
| 4 | $4 a$ | $3 a$ | $5 a$ | $2 a$ | $6 a$ | $1 a$ | $1 b$ | $6 b$ | $2 b$ | $5 b$ | $3 b$ | $4 b$ | 4 |
| 5 | $5 a$ | $4 a$ | $6 a$ | $3 a$ | $1 a$ | $2 a$ | 2 | $1 b$ | $3 b$ | $6 b$ | $4 b$ | $5 b$ | 5 |
| 6 | $6 a$ | $5 a$ | $1 a$ | $4 a$ | $2 a$ | $3 a$ | 3 | $2 b$ | $4 b$ | $1 b$ | $5 b$ | $6 b$ | 6 |

Figure 2: Block design for $6 \times 4(=24)$ combinations in six blocks of size 24

| 1 | $1 a$ | $6 a$ | $2 a$ | $5 a$ | $3 a$ | $4 a$ | $4 b$ | $3 b$ | $5 b$ | $2 b$ | $6 b$ | $1 b$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | $2 a$ | $1 a$ | $3 a$ | $6 a$ | $4 a$ | $5 a$ | $5 b$ | $4 b$ | $6 b$ | $3 b$ | $1 b$ | $2 b$ |
| 3 | $3 a$ | $2 a$ | $4 a$ | $1 a$ | $5 a$ | $6 a$ | $6 b$ | $5 b$ | $1 b$ | $4 b$ | $2 b$ | $3 b$ |
| 4 | $4 a$ | $3 a$ | $5 a$ | $2 a$ | $6 a$ | $1 a$ | $1 b$ | $6 b$ | $2 b$ | $5 b$ | $3 b$ | $4 b$ |
| 5 | $5 a$ | $4 a$ | $6 a$ | $3 a$ | $1 a$ | $2 a$ | $2 b$ | $1 b$ | $3 b$ | $6 b$ | $4 b$ | $5 b$ |
| 6 | $6 a$ | $5 a$ | $1 a$ | $4 a$ | $2 a$ | $3 a$ | $3 b$ | $2 b$ | $4 b$ | $1 b$ | $5 b$ | $6 b$ |
| $\mathbf{L}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| $1 c$ | $6 c$ | $2 c$ | $5 c$ | 3 c | $4 c$ | $4 d$ | $3 d$ | $5 d$ | $2 d$ | $6 d$ | $1 d$ |  | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2 c$ | 1c | $3 c$ | $6 c$ | $4 c$ | $5 c$ | $5 d$ | $4 d$ | $6 d$ | $3 d$ | $1 d$ | $2 d$ | 2 | 2 |
| 3 c | $2 c$ | $4 c$ | $1 c$ | $5 c$ | $6 c$ | $6 d$ | $5 d$ | $1 d$ | $4 d$ | $2 d$ | $3 d$ | 3 | 3 |
| 4 c | 3 c | $5 c$ | $2 c$ | $6 c$ | $1 c$ | $1 d$ | $6 d$ | $2 d$ | $5 d$ | $3 d$ | $4 d$ | 4 | 4 |
| $5 c$ | $4 c$ | $6 c$ | 3 c | $1 c$ | $2 c$ | $2 d$ | $1 d$ | $3 d$ | $6 d$ | $4 d$ | $5 d$ | 5 | 5 |
| $6 c$ | $5 c$ | $1 c$ | $4 c$ | $2 c$ | 3 c | $3 d$ | $2 d$ | $4 d$ | $1 d$ | $5 d$ | $6 d$ | 6 | 6 |
| L |  |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{L}^{\prime}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Incomplete NBB Designs for Two Factors
Let $f_{l}$ be a prime or prime power and be denoted by $1,2, \ldots$. Develop $f_{1}-1$ mutually orthogonal Latin squares (MOLS) of order $f_{1}$. Juxtapose these MOLS so that we obtain an arrangement of $f_{1}$ symbols in $f_{1}\left(f_{1}-1\right)$ rows and $f_{1}$ columns. Delete the last $q$ columns ( $q=0,1,2$, $\left.\ldots, f_{1}-4\right)$ and consider rows as blocks along with border plots, to make the blocks circular. To all the units in $l^{\text {th }}$ column $\left(l=1, \ldots, f_{1}-q\right)$ of this arrangement attach the $f_{2}\left(f_{2}=a, b, \ldots\right)$ levels of $\mathrm{F}_{2}$, i.e. $a$ to column $1, b$ to column 2 and so on. Considering the rows as blocks and making the blocks circular results in an incomplete NBB design in $f_{1}\left(f_{1}-1\right)$ blocks of size $f_{1}-q$ each and $\mu_{1}^{\prime \prime}=1$ balanced for factor $\mathrm{F}_{1}$. The design is incomplete because all the combinations are not appearing in a block. For $q$ $=0$, the design has all the levels of $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{F}_{2}$ appearing in all the blocks. The design obtained is combinatorially neighbor balanced but in the terms of variance, the design is partially balanced with three associate class association scheme.

Example 4

$$
\text { For } f_{1}=f_{2}=5 \text { i.e. } q=0, \text { NBB design in }
$$ 25 combinations is as follows:

| 5 | $1 a$ | $2 b$ | $3 c$ | $4 d$ | $5 e$ | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $2 a$ | $3 b$ | $4 c$ | $5 d$ | $1 e$ | 2 |
| 2 | $3 a$ | $4 b$ | $5 c$ | $1 d$ | $2 e$ | 3 |
| 3 | $4 a$ | $5 b$ | $1 c$ | $2 d$ | $3 e$ | 4 |
| 4 | $5 a$ | $1 b$ | $2 c$ | $3 d$ | $4 e$ | 5 |
| 4 | $1 a$ | $3 b$ | $5 c$ | $2 d$ | $4 e$ | 1 |
| 5 | $2 a$ | $4 b$ | $1 c$ | $3 d$ | $5 e$ | 2 |
| 1 | $3 a$ | $5 b$ | $2 c$ | $4 d$ | $1 e$ | 3 |
| 2 | $4 a$ | $1 b$ | $3 c$ | $5 d$ | $2 e$ | 4 |
| 3 | $5 a$ | $2 b$ | $4 c$ | $1 d$ | $3 e$ | 5 |
| 3 | $1 a$ | $4 b$ | $2 c$ | $5 d$ | $3 e$ | 1 |
| 4 | $2 a$ | $5 b$ | $3 c$ | $1 d$ | $4 e$ | 2 |
| 5 | $3 a$ | $1 b$ | $4 c$ | $2 d$ | $5 e$ | 3 |
| 1 | $4 a$ | $2 b$ | $5 c$ | $3 d$ | $1 e$ | 4 |
| 2 | $5 a$ | $3 b$ | $1 c$ | $4 d$ | $2 e$ | 5 |
| 2 | $1 a$ | $5 b$ | $4 c$ | $3 d$ | $2 e$ | 1 |
| 3 | $2 a$ | $1 b$ | $5 c$ | $4 d$ | $3 e$ | 2 |
| 4 | $3 a$ | $2 b$ | $1 c$ | $5 d$ | $4 e$ | 3 |
| 5 | $4 a$ | $3 b$ | $2 c$ | $1 d$ | $5 e$ | 4 |
| 1 | $5 a$ | $4 b$ | $3 c$ | $2 d$ | $1 e$ | 5 |

After randomization the design may have the following layout:

| 2 | $3 c$ | $4 d$ | $5 e$ | $1 a$ | $2 b$ | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | $3 b$ | $4 c$ | $5 d$ | $1 e$ | $2 a$ | 3 |
| 4 | $5 c$ | $1 d$ | $2 e$ | $3 a$ | $4 b$ | 5 |
| 1 | $2 d$ | $3 e$ | $4 a$ | $5 b$ | $1 c$ | 2 |
| 4 | $5 a$ | $1 b$ | $2 c$ | $3 d$ | $4 e$ | 5 |
| 3 | $5 c$ | $2 d$ | $4 e$ | $1 a$ | $3 b$ | 5 |
| 1 | $3 d$ | $5 e$ | $2 a$ | $4 b$ | $1 c$ | 3 |
| 3 | $5 b$ | $2 c$ | $4 d$ | $1 e$ | $3 a$ | 5 |
| 2 | $4 a$ | $1 b$ | $3 c$ | $5 d$ | $2 e$ | 4 |
| 2 | $4 c$ | $1 d$ | $3 e$ | $5 a$ | $2 b$ | 4 |
| 5 | $3 e$ | $1 a$ | $4 b$ | $2 c$ | $5 d$ | 3 |
| 2 | $5 b$ | $3 c$ | $1 d$ | $4 e$ | $2 a$ | 5 |
| 1 | $4 c$ | $2 d$ | $5 e$ | $3 a$ | $1 b$ | 4 |
| 5 | $3 d$ | $1 e$ | $4 a$ | $2 b$ | $5 c$ | 3 |
| 5 | $3 b$ | $1 c$ | $4 d$ | $2 e$ | $5 a$ | 3 |
| 2 | $1 a$ | $5 b$ | $4 c$ | $3 d$ | $2 e$ | 1 |
| 1 | $5 c$ | $4 d$ | $3 e$ | $2 a$ | $1 b$ | 5 |
| 1 | $5 d$ | $4 e$ | $3 a$ | $2 b$ | $1 c$ | 5 |
| 1 | $5 e$ | $4 a$ | $3 b$ | $2 c$ | $1 d$ | 5 |
| 1 | $5 a$ | $4 b$ | $3 c$ | $2 d$ | $1 e$ | 5 |

Association Scheme
Two treatment combinations $\phi \varphi$ and $\phi^{\prime} \varphi{ }^{\prime}$ are said to be first associates if $\phi=\phi^{\prime}$ i.e. the combinations with same $F_{1}$ level and different $F_{2}$ level are first associates. Two treatment combinations $\phi \varphi$ and $\phi^{\prime} \varphi \varphi^{\prime}$ are said to be second associate if $\varphi=\varphi^{\prime}$ i.e. the combinations with same $F_{2}$ level and different $F_{1}$ level are second associates, and remaining are third associates.

For the Example 4, the arrangement of 25 treatment combinations arising from 5 levels of the first factor and 5 levels of second factor are shown in Figure 3. For the given association scheme $v=f_{1} f_{2}$, number of first associates $=f_{2}-$ 1 , number of second associates $=f_{1}-1$ and number of third associates $=f_{1} f_{2}-f_{1}-f_{2}+1$. The two treatment combinations that are first and second associates do not appear together in the design whereas the third associates appear once in the design. The above association scheme
may be also called a rectangular association scheme.

Figure 3: 25 Treatment Combinations Arising From 5 Levels of the First Factor and 5 Levels of the Second Factor


The information matrix for estimating twenty five combinations of the above design obtained using SAS (PROC IML) is shown in (4). The matrix has three distinct off -diagonal elements due to the three class association scheme. The design obtained by Monod (1992) becomes a special case of this for $q=0$.

Example 5
For $f_{1}=5, q=1$ and $f_{2}=4$, that is, a NBB design in $f_{1} f_{2}=20$ combinations is as follows:

| 4 | $1 a$ | $2 b$ | $3 c$ | $4 d$ | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | $2 a$ | $3 b$ | $4 c$ | $5 d$ | 2 |
| 1 | $3 a$ | $4 b$ | $5 c$ | $1 d$ | 3 |
| 2 | $4 a$ | $5 b$ | $1 c$ | $2 d$ | 4 |
| 3 | $5 a$ | $1 b$ | $2 c$ | $3 d$ | 5 |
| 2 | $1 a$ | $3 b$ | $5 c$ | $2 d$ | 1 |
| 3 | $2 a$ | $4 b$ | $1 c$ | $3 d$ | 2 |
| 4 | $3 a$ | $5 b$ | $2 c$ | $4 d$ | 3 |
| 5 | $4 a$ | $1 b$ | $3 c$ | $5 d$ | 4 |
| 1 | $5 a$ | $2 b$ | $4 c$ | $1 d$ | 5 |
| 5 | $1 a$ | $4 b$ | $2 c$ | $5 d$ | 1 |
| 1 | $2 a$ | $5 b$ | $3 c$ | $1 d$ | 2 |
| 2 | $3 a$ | $1 b$ | $4 c$ | $2 d$ | 3 |
| 3 | $4 a$ | $2 b$ | $5 c$ | $3 d$ | 4 |
| 4 | $5 a$ | $3 b$ | $1 c$ | $4 d$ | 5 |
| 3 | $1 a$ | $5 b$ | $4 c$ | $3 d$ | 1 |
| 4 | $2 a$ | $1 b$ | $5 c$ | $4 d$ | 2 |
| 5 | $3 a$ | $2 b$ | $1 c$ | $5 d$ | 3 |
| 1 | $4 a$ | $3 b$ | $2 c$ | $1 d$ | 4 |
| 2 | $5 a$ | $4 b$ | $3 c$ | $2 d$ | 5 |

Variances of all estimated elementary contrasts pertaining to direct effects of various treatment combinations that are mutually first associate $\left(\mathrm{V}_{1}\right)$, second associates $\left(\mathrm{V}_{2}\right)$ and third associate $\left(\mathrm{V}_{3}\right)$ were computed using a SAS program developed in IML. A list of designs consisting of these variances along with other parameters is shown in Table 2 for a practical range of parameter values, that is, for the number of level of first factor $\left(\mathrm{F}_{1}\right)$ and second factor $\left(\mathrm{F}_{2}\right) \leq 13$.

$$
\mathbf{C}=\left[\begin{array}{llllll}
3.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.11 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5}  \tag{4}\\
0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 3.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.11 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} \\
0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 3.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.11 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} \\
0.200 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 3.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.11 \mathbf{\mathbf { J } _ { 5 }} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} \\
0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 0.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.17 \mathbf{J}_{5} & 3.20 \mathbf{I}_{5}-0.11 \mathbf{J}_{5}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Table 2: Parameters and Variances of Incomplete NBB Designs for Two Factors

| $\boldsymbol{f}_{\boldsymbol{1}}$ | $\boldsymbol{f}_{\mathbf{2}}$ | $\mathbf{k}=\boldsymbol{f}_{\mathbf{2}}$ | $\mathbf{b}$ | $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{1}^{\prime \prime}$ | $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{1}}$ | $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{2}}$ | $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{3}}$ | $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 5 | 5 | 20 | 1 | 6.40 | 6.13 | 6.53 | 6.44 |
| 5 | 4 | 4 | 20 | 1 | 6.00 | 5.37 | 5.87 | 5.79 |
| 7 | 7 | 7 | 42 | 1 | 10.29 | 10.17 | 10.46 | 10.40 |
| 7 | 6 | 6 | 42 | 1 | 10.00 | 9.81 | 10.14 | 10.10 |
| 7 | 5 | 5 | 42 | 1 | 9.60 | 9.23 | 9.63 | 9.56 |
| 7 | 4 | 4 | 42 | 1 | 9.00 | 8.13 | 8.62 | 8.55 |
| 8 | 8 | 8 | 56 | 1 | 12.25 | 12.17 | 12.42 | 12.40 |
| 8 | 7 | 7 | 56 | 1 | 12.00 | 11.87 | 12.16 | 12.10 |
| 8 | 6 | 6 | 56 | 1 | 11.67 | 11.44 | 11.78 | 11.70 |
| 8 | 5 | 5 | 56 | 1 | 11.20 | 10.77 | 11.17 | 11.10 |
| 8 | 4 | 4 | 56 | 1 | 10.50 | 9.50 | 10.00 | 9.94 |
| 9 | 9 | 9 | 72 | 1 | 15.97 | 15.95 | 15.94 | 15.90 |
| 9 | 8 | 8 | 72 | 1 | 14.00 | 13.91 | 14.16 | 14.10 |
| 9 | 7 | 7 | 72 | 1 | 13.71 | 13.57 | 13.85 | 13.80 |
| 9 | 6 | 6 | 72 | 1 | 13.33 | 13.08 | 13.42 | 13.40 |
| 9 | 5 | 5 | 72 | 1 | 12.80 | 12.32 | 12.72 | 12.70 |
| 9 | 4 | 4 | 72 | 1 | 12.00 | 10.87 | 11.37 | 11.30 |
| 11 | 11 | 11 | 110 | 1 | 18.18 | 17.98 | 18.17 | 18.20 |
| 11 | 10 | 10 | 110 | 1 | 17.89 | 17.47 | 17.99 | 17.90 |
| 11 | 9 | 9 | 110 | 1 | 17.72 | 17.58 | 17.75 | 17.70 |
| 11 | 8 | 8 | 110 | 1 | 17.44 | 17.19 | 17.45 | 17.40 |
| 11 | 7 | 7 | 110 | 1 | 17.07 | 16.72 | 17.04 | 17.00 |
| 11 | 6 | 6 | 110 | 1 | 16.51 | 16.07 | 16.49 | 16.40 |
| 11 | 5 | 5 | 110 | 1 | 15.84 | 15.06 | 15.57 | 15.50 |
| 11 | 4 | 4 | 110 | 1 | 14.23 | 13.33 | 13.73 | 13.70 |
| 13 | 13 | 13 | 156 | 1 | 22.15 | 22.13 | 22.17 | 22.20 |
| 13 | 12 | 12 | 156 | 1 | 22.00 | 22.00 | 22.17 | 22.10 |
| 13 | 11 | 11 | 156 | 1 | 21.82 | 21.77 | 21.95 | 21.90 |
| 13 | 10 | 10 | 156 | 1 | 21.60 | 21.53 | 21.73 | 21.70 |
| 13 | 9 | 9 | 156 | 1 | 21.33 | 21.24 | 21.46 | 21.40 |
| 13 | 8 | 8 | 156 | 1 | 21.00 | 20.86 | 21.12 | 21.10 |
| 13 | 7 | 7 | 156 | 1 | 20.57 | 20.35 | 20.64 | 20.60 |
| 13 | 6 | 6 | 156 | 1 | 20.00 | 19.64 | 19.97 | 19.90 |
| 13 | 5 | 5 | 156 | 1 | 19.20 | 18.51 | 18.91 | 18.90 |
| 13 | 4 | 4 | 156 | 1 | 18.00 | 16.37 | 16.87 | 16.80 |
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