

NON-EXISTENCE OF SOME UNSYMMETRICAL PARTIALLY BALANCED INCOMPLETE BLOCK DESIGNS: CORRIGENDUM

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Theorem 4.1 (ii) (b) should read:

“if $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, then the only odd primes contained in the square-free part of n are congruent to 1 modulo 4.”

In the above paper, Theorem 4.1 (ii) (b) as stated implied that if $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, then the square-free part of n contained only odd primes congruent to 1 modulo 4. This led to the erroneous proof of the impossibility of a balanced incomplete block design with parameters $v = b = 111$, $r = k = 11$, $\lambda = 1$ and $v = 100$, $b = 110$, $r = 11$, $k = 10$, $\lambda = 1$ given by Clatworthy [1].

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Theorem 4.1 (i) (b) should read:

“if $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ and n is even, then the only odd primes contained in the square-free part of $n\theta_2$ are congruent to 1 modulo 4”.

Theorem 4.1 (ii) (a) should read:

“if $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, then the only odd primes contained in the square-free part of θ_2 are congruent to 1 modulo 4”.

Theorem 4.1 (ii) (c) should read:

“if $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, then the only odd primes contained in the square-free part of $n\theta_2$ are congruent to 1 modulo 4”.

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