

Chapter 11 Question 6.

**Solution 1.** We only do part (a) and part (b) for this question:

We have number of treatment levels  $v = 7$ , estimated  $msE = 30$ , significance level  $\alpha = 0.05$ , block size  $k = 5$ .

Since we are trying to get a balanced incomplete block design (BIBD), we need:

$$\lambda = \frac{r(k-1)}{v-1} \implies \lambda = \frac{4r}{6} = \frac{2}{3}r$$

$$bk = rv \implies b = \frac{rv}{k} = \frac{7r}{5}$$

which implies that the replication of each treatment level  $r$  must be a multiple of both 3 and 5, and hence a multiple of 15.

We have error degree of freedom as:

$$df = bk - b - v + 1 = vr - \frac{vr}{k} - v + 1 = \frac{vr(k-1) - k(v-1)}{k}$$

$$= \frac{28r - 30}{5}$$

With Tukey's method, we can compute the minimum significant difference as:

$$msd = \frac{q_{v, bk-b-v+1}}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{msE \cdot \frac{2k}{\lambda v}} = \frac{q_{v, df}}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{2msE \left[ \frac{(v-1)k}{rv(k-1)} \right]}$$

$$= q_{7, \frac{28r-30}{5}, 0.05} \sqrt{30 \cdot \frac{30}{28r}} = q_{7, \frac{28r-30}{5}, 0.05} \sqrt{\frac{225}{7r}}$$

For part (a) and part (b), we need  $msd \leq 50$  and  $msd \leq 25$  separately, then we can solve from above equation that:

$$r \geq \frac{225}{7} \cdot \frac{\left( q_{7, \frac{28r-30}{5}, 0.05} \right)^2}{msd^2}$$

Plug in  $msd = 50$  and 25 separately, we can get our estimate for  $r$  for (a) and (b) separately (also keep in mind that  $r$  has to be a multiple of 15):

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#Ch11Q6 (a) and (b)
msE <-30
v <-7
k <-5
alpha <- 0.05
r <- seq(15, 150, by = 15)
b <- v*r/k
msd <- c(50, 25)
rep <- 0
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for (i in 1:2){  
  for (j in 1:length(r)){  
    df <- as.integer((28*r[j] - 30)/5)  
    if (r[j] >= 225/7*(qtukey(.05, v, df = df, lower.tail = FALSE))^2/  
        (msd[i])^2)  
    {  
      rep <- r[j]  
      break  
    }  
  }  
  cat("For minimal significant difference", msd[i], ", we need at least r = ",  
      rep, "\n")  
}  
  
## For minimal significant difference 50 , we need at least r = 15  
## For minimal significant difference 25 , we need at least r = 15
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*So in both (a) and (b), the number of replication for each treatment level is at least  $r = 15$ , and in this case we can design a BIBD with the number of blocks  $b = \frac{rv}{k} = 21$ , and  $\lambda = 10$ .*