Partial A-optimal balanced fractional 2^m factorial designs with $6 \le m \le 8$

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1. Introduction

A balanced array (B-array), which is a generalization of an orthogonal array, was first studied by Chakravarti [2] under the name of "partially Barray". A connection between a B-array and a balanced fractional factorial (BFF) design has been investigated so far by, e.g., Srivastava [31], Yamamoto, Shirakura and Kuwada [41], Kuwada [20] and Kuwada and Nishii [22]. The characteristic roots of the information matrix of a 2^m -BFF design of resolution V were obtained by Srivastava and Chopra [33]. By use of the triangular multidimentional partially balanced (TMDPB) association scheme and its algebra, Yamamoto, Shirakura and Kuwada [42] extended their results to a 2^m -BFF design of resolution $2\ell + 1$. The concept of the MDPB association scheme was introduced by Bose and Srivastava [1] and Srivastava [30] as a generalization of the ordinary association scheme.

A- and/or D-optimal 2^m-BFF designs of resolution V or VII were obtained Srivastava and/or Chopra [4-9, 11-14, 34, 35] and by Shirakura [24, 26]. More precise tables of Srivastava-Chopra optimal designs of resolution V have been presented by Nishii and Shirakura [23] for $4 \le m \le 6$, and Chopra, Kipngeno and Ghosh [10] for $7 \leq m \leq 10$. Some optimal fractional 2^m factorial (2^m -FF) designs were obtained by Cheng [3] and Kuwada [21]. Optimal 2^m-BFF designs of even resolution derived from B-arrays were obtained by Shirakura [25-27]. A necessary and sufficient condition for a Barray of strength 2ℓ to be a 2^m-BFF design of resolution 2ℓ was obtained by Shirakura [28]. Yamamoto and Hyodo [38, 39] introduced an extended concept of resolution, which includes the results due to Shirakura [25-28]. By utilizing the characterization of the information matrix, Yamamoto and Hyodo [38-40], Hyodo and Yamamoto [17-19] and Hyodo [15, 16] have shown that there are so many designs having various type resolution including both odd and even resolution as special cases.

Consider a two-symbol B-array of strength 6, *m* constraints, index set $\{\mu_0^{(6)}, \mu_1^{(6)}, \dots, \mu_6^{(6)}\}\)$ and frequency set $\{z_0^{(m)}, z_1^{(m)}, \dots, z_m^{(m)}\}\)$, where $z_j^{(m)}$ are the number of row vectors with weight *j* in the array. Such an array is traditionally denoted as a BA(*N*, *m*, 2, 6) $\{\mu_0^{(6)}, \mu_1^{(6)}, \dots, \mu_6^{(6)}\}\)$, where *N* is the total number of assemblies. We, however, denote it here as

BA(*m*, 6; $z_0^{(m)}$, $z_1^{(m)}$,..., $z_m^{(m)}$) since the characterization of the information matrix can be explicitly expressed by $z_j^{(m)}$ (see [15, 16]). The indices $\mu_i^{(6)}$ are completely determined by $z_i^{(m)}$ as follows (cf. [15, 26, 32, 36, 37]):

$$\mu_i^{(6)} = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m-6}{j-i} \left\{ z_j^{(m)} \middle| \binom{m}{j} \right\} \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, \dots, 6$$

Note that the usual boundary convention for the binomial coefficient $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$, i.e.,

 $\binom{a}{b} = 0$ if and only if b < 0 or $0 \le a < b$, will be used throughout this paper.

In this paper, we shall consider a 2^m -BFF design derived from a BA(m, 6; $z_0^{(m)}, z_1^{(m)}, \ldots, z_m^{(m)}$) such that the general mean and the main effects (or the main effects only) are estimable under the situation in which all four-factor and higher order interactions are assumed to be negligible. Such a design will be called a 2^m-BFF design having resolution $R^*(\{0, 1\}|P)$ (or $R^*(\{1\}|P)$) as will be seen in Definition 3.3, where $P = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. For a given pair (N, m), there are so many 2^m -BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0, 1\}|P)$ (or $R^*(\{1\}|P)$). We may note that these designs may be superior to resolution IV designs in the sense that the confounding of the three-factor interactions and the main effects can be always avoided even though the latter exist. A design considered here is explicitly described by some specified simple array (S-array) for the cases of m= 6, 7, 8 and $N < \sum_{i=0}^{3} {m \choose i} (= v_3, \text{ say})$ as will be seen in Proposition 3.3, where v_3 is the total number of factorial effects up to the three-factor interactions (see [15–19, 38–40]). In Section 4, for the cases of m = 6, 7 and 8, partial A-optimal 2^m-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0, 1\}|P)$ and $R^*(\{1\}|P)$) will be presented for each value of $N(\langle v_3)$. The covariance matrix of the estimates and the value of its trace are also given for such designs.

2. Preliminaries

Consider a 2^m -FF design with *m* factors F_1, \ldots, F_m , each at two levels 0 or 1, where $m \ge 6$. Further consider the situation in which all four-factor and higher order interactions are assumed to be negligible. The $v_3 \times 1$ vector of factorial effects is denoted by

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underline{\theta}' &= (\theta_{\phi}; \, \theta_1, \dots, \, \theta_m; \, \theta_{12}, \dots, \, \theta_{m-1m}; \, \theta_{123}, \dots, \, \theta_{m-2m-1m}) \\ &= (\theta_{\phi}; \, \theta_1'; \, \theta_2'; \, \theta_3'), \end{array}$$

where θ_{ϕ} , θ_{t_1} and, in general, $\theta_{t_1...t_u}$ denote the general mean, the main effect of the factor F_{t_1} and the *u*-factor interaction of the factors $F_{t_1}, ..., F_{t_u}$, respectively. Here A' and $\underline{\theta}_u$ denote, respectively, the transpose of a matrix A

and the $\binom{m}{u} \times 1$ vector of the *u*-factor interactions, especially u = 0 and u = 1 stand for the general mean, i.e., $\underline{\theta}_0 = \theta_{\phi}$, and the main effects, respectively. Let T be a (0, 1)-array of size $N \times m$ whose rows denote N assemblies of a design under consideration. The linear model based on T is then given by

$$\underline{y}_T = E_T \underline{\theta} + \underline{e}_T,$$

where \underline{y}_T , E_T and \underline{e}_T denote a vector of N observations, the $N \times v_3$ design matrix whose elements are either 1 or -1, and an $N \times 1$ error vector with $E[\underline{e}_T] = \underline{0}_N$ and $Cov[\underline{e}_T] = \sigma^2 I_N$, respectively. Here $\underline{0}_N$ and I_N are the $N \times 1$ vector with all zero and the identity matrix of order N, respectively. The normal equation for estimating θ is given by

$$M_T \hat{\theta} = E'_T y_T$$

where $M_T = E'_T E_T$ is the information matrix of order v_3 .

Among the four sets of factorial effects $\{\theta_{\phi}\}$, $\{\theta_{t_1}\}$, $\{\theta_{t_1t_2}\}$ and $\{\theta_{t_1t_2t_3}\}$, a TMDPB association scheme is defined by introducing a natural relation of association such that $\theta_{t_1...t_y}$ and $\theta_{t_1...t_y}$ are the *a*-th associates if and only if

$$|\{t_1,\ldots,t_u\} \cap \{t'_1,\ldots,t'_v\}| = \min(u,v) - a,$$

where |S| and min(u, v) denote the cardinality of a set S and the minimum of integers u and v, respectively.

It is known that a TMDPB association algebra R generated by the thirty ordered association matrices $D_a^{(u,v)}$ ($0 \le a \le \min(u, v)$; u, v = 0, 1, 2, 3) is semisimple and completely reducible. It is decomposed into the direct sum of the four two-sided ideals R_b generated by $(4-b)^2$ ideal bases $\{D_b^{(u,v)*}: b \le u, v \le 3\}$ for b = 0, 1, 2, 3. The ideal R_b is isomorphic to the complete $(4 - b) \times (4$ -b) matrix algebra with multiplicity $\binom{m}{b} - \binom{m}{b-1} (= \phi_b, \text{say})$. The details of the TMDPB association scheme and its algebra can be seen in Yamamoto, Shirakura and Kuwada [41, 42] and Shirakura [26]. It is known (see [15, 41, 42]) that the information matrix M_T of a 2^m-FF design T derived from a BA($m, 6; z_0^{(m)}, z_1^{(m)}, \ldots, z_m^{(m)}$) belongs to the TMDPB association algebra Rand is given by

$$M_{T} = \sum_{u=0}^{3} \sum_{v=0}^{3} \sum_{a=0}^{\min(u,v)} \gamma_{|u-v|+2a} D_{a}^{(u,v)}$$

= $\sum_{b=0}^{3} \sum_{r=0}^{3-b} \sum_{s=0}^{3-b} k_{b}^{r,s} D_{b}^{(b+r,b+s)*} \in \mathbf{R},$ (2.1)

where

$$\gamma_i = \sum_{j=0}^{6} \sum_{q=0}^{i} (-1)^q \binom{i}{q} \binom{6-i}{j-i+q} \mu_j^{(6)}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{m} \left\{ \sum_{q=0}^{i} (-1)^{q} \binom{i}{q} \binom{m-i}{m-j-q} \right\} \left\{ z_{j}^{(m)} \middle| \binom{m}{j} \right\} \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, \dots, 6,$$

$$k_{b}^{r,s} = k_{b}^{s,r} = \sum_{a=0}^{b+r} \gamma_{s-r+2a} z_{ba}^{(b+r,b+s)} \quad \text{for } 0 \le r \le s \le 3-b; \ b = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

and

$$z_{ba}^{(b+r,b+s)} = \sum_{c=0}^{a} (-1)^{a-c} {r \choose c} {b+r-c \choose b+r-a} {m-2b-r+c \choose c} \\ \cdot \left\{ {m-2b-r \choose s-r} {s \choose r} \right\}^{1/2} / {s-r+c \choose c} \quad \text{for } r \leq s.$$

Here the matrix $D_b^{(u,v)*}$ of order v_3 is linearly linked with the ordered association matrices $D_a^{(u,v)}$ of the TMDPB association scheme as follows (see [26, 29, 42]):

$$D_a^{(u,v)} = \{D_a^{(v,u)}\}' = \sum_{b=0}^{u} z_{ba}^{(u,v)} D_b^{(u,v)*} \qquad \text{for } 0 \le a \le u \le v \le 3$$

and

$$D_b^{(u,v)*} = \{D_b^{(v,u)*}\}' = \sum_{a=0}^u z_{(u,v)}^{ba} D_a^{(u,v)} \qquad \text{for } 0 \le b \le u \le v \le 3,$$
(2.2)

where

$$z_{(u,v)}^{ba} = \phi_b z_{ba}^{(u,v)} / \left\{ \binom{m}{u} \binom{u}{a} \binom{m-u}{v-u+a} \right\} \quad \text{for } u \leq v.$$

The matrices $D_b^{(u,v)\sharp}$ have the following properties (see [42]):

$$D_a^{(u,v)\sharp} D_b^{(s,v)\sharp} = \delta_{ws} \delta_{ab} D_b^{(u,v)\sharp}, \tag{2.3}$$

$$\sum_{b=0}^{u} D_{b}^{(u,u)*} = D_{0}^{(u,u)},$$

$$\sum_{u=0}^{3} \sum_{b=0}^{u} D_{b}^{(u,u)*} = I_{v_{3}}$$
(2.4)

and

$$\operatorname{rank}[D_b^{(u,v)*}] = \phi_b, \tag{2.5}$$

where δ_{ab} denotes Kronecker's delta. Each $(4-b) \times (4-b)$ symmetric matrix $K_b = [k_b^{r,s}]$ $(0 \le r, s \le 3-b; b = 0, 1, 2, 3)$ is called the irreducible matrix representation of M_T with respect to the ideal R_b with multiplicity ϕ_b and it can be expressed as follows (see [15, 19]):

$$K_{b} = \sum_{j=b}^{m-b} \left\{ z_{j}^{(m)} \middle| \binom{m}{j} \right\} \underline{k}_{bj} \underline{k}'_{bj} \quad \text{for } b = 0, 1, 2, 3,$$

where \underline{k}_{bj} are given by

$$\underline{k}'_{0j} = \left\{ \binom{m}{j} \right\}^{1/2} (1, (2j-m)/m^{1/2}, \{(2j-m)^2 - m\}/\{2m(m-1)\}^{1/2},$$

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$$(2j-m)\{(2j-m)^2 - 3m + 2\}/\{6m(m-1)(m-2)\}^{1/2}) \text{ for } 0 \leq j \leq m,$$

$$\underline{k}'_{1j} = 2\left\{\binom{m-2}{j-1}\right\}^{1/2} (1, (2j-m)/(m-2)^{1/2},$$

$$\{(2j-m)^2 - m + 2\}/\{2(m-2)(m-3)\}^{1/2}) \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq m-1,$$

$$\underline{k}'_{2j} = 4\left\{\binom{m-4}{j-2}\right\}^{1/2} (1, (2j-m)/(m-4)^{1/2}) \text{ for } 2 \leq j \leq m-2$$

and

$$\underline{k}'_{3j} = 8 \left\{ \binom{m-6}{j-3} \right\}^{1/2} \quad \text{for } 3 \le j \le m-3.$$

The matrices K_b have the following properties (see [15, 16, 19]):

PROPOSITION 2.1. (i) $rank[K_b] = min(w(z_b^{(m)}, z_{b+1}^{(m)}, \dots, z_{m-b}^{(m)}), 4-b)$ for b = 0, 1, 2, 3, where $w(\underline{x}')$ denotes the number of nonzero elements of a row vector \underline{x}' .

(ii) If $rank[K_b] = r$, then the first r rows in K_b are always linearly independent.

(iii) There exist (4-b) linearly independent vectors in $\underline{k}_{bb}, \underline{k}_{bb+1}, \dots, \underline{k}_{bm-b}$, which are contained in K_b as a column vector each.

If T is an S-array with parameters $(m; \lambda_0, \lambda_1, ..., \lambda_m)$, written $SA(m; \lambda_0, \lambda_1, ..., \lambda_m)$ for brevity, then it follows from $z_j^{(m)} = \binom{m}{j} \lambda_j$ (j = 0, 1, ..., m) that

$$K_b = \sum_{j=b}^{m-b} \lambda_j \underline{k}_{bj} \underline{k}'_{bj} \quad \text{for } b = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

3. 2^m-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0, 1\}|P)$ and $R^*(\{1\}|P)$

For readers' convenience, we recall the definition of resolution here.

DEFINITION 3.1. Let $P = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and $S \subset P$. Then a 2^m-FF design is said to be of resolution R(S|P) if

(i) $D_0^{(s,s)}\underline{\theta}$, i.e., a vector of s-factor interactions $\underline{\theta}_s$, is estimable for every $s \in S$

and

(ii) $D_0^{(h,h)}\underline{\theta}$, i.e., a vector of *h*-factor interactions $\underline{\theta}_h$, is not estimable for every $h \in P-S$

under the situation in which all four-factor and higher order interactions are assumed to be negligible.

Note that resolution $R(\{0, 1, 2, 3\}|P)$ and $R(\{0, 1, 2\}|P)$ (or $R(\{1, 2\}|P)$) are, respectively, resolution VII and VI, where $P = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$.

DEFINITION 3.2. A 2^m -FF design of resolution R(S|P) is said to be balanced and denoted by 2^m -BFF design of resolution R(S|P) if the covariance matrix of the BLUE of $\sum_{s \in S} D_0^{(s,s)} \underline{\theta}$ is invariant under any permutation on m factors.

A 2^m-FF (or 2^m-BFF) design having resolution $R^*(\{0, 1\}|P)$ (or $R^*(\{1\}|P)$) is defined as follows:

DEFINITION 3.3. If S is a set such that $P \supset S \supset Q$ for fixed P and Q, then a 2^{m} -FF (or 2^{m} -BFF) design of resolution R(S|P) is called a 2^{m} -FF (or 2^{m} -BFF) design having resolution $R^{*}(Q|P)$, where $Q = \{0, 1\}$ or $\{1\}$.

The following Propositions 3.1 and 3.2 are due to Hyodo [15] and Yamamoto and Hyodo [38], respectively.

PROPOSITION 3.1. Let T be a 2^m -FF design derived from a $BA(m, 6; z_0^{(m)}, z_1^{(m)}, ..., z_m^{(m)})$. Then T is a 2^m -BFF design of resolution R(S|P) if and only if T satisfies the following conditions:

(i)
$$\operatorname{rank}[K_b^*] = \operatorname{rank}[K_b^*: f_b^{(s)}]$$
 for every $b \in \{0, 1, \dots, s\}$ $(s \in S)$

and

(ii) $\operatorname{rank}[K_b^*] \neq \operatorname{rank}[K_b^*: f_b^{(h)}]$ for some $b \in \{0, 1, ..., h\} (h \in P - S),$

where $P = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$, $K_b^* = [z_b^{(m)} \underline{k}_{bb}, z_{b+1}^{(m)} \underline{k}_{bb+1}, \dots, z_{m-b}^{(m)} \underline{k}_{bm-b}]$ and $\underline{f}_b^{(u)}$ denotes the $(4-b) \times 1$ canonical basis vector whose (u-b+1)th element is unity.

PROPOSITION 3.2. Let T be a $BA(m, 6; z_0^{(m)}, z_1^{(m)}, ..., z_m^{(m)})$ and $P = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}.$

(I) If T is a 2^m -BFF design having resolution $R^*(\{0, 1\}|P)$, then the BLUE of a vector of estimable parametric functions $\sum_{u=0}^{1} D_0^{(u,u)} \underline{\theta}(=\underline{\Psi}_{01}, say)$ and the covariance matrix of its estimate are, respectively, given by

$$\widehat{\Psi}_{01} = X_{01} E'_T y_T$$

and

$$\operatorname{Cov}[\hat{\Psi}_{01}] = \sigma^2 X_{01} M_T X_{01}' \in \mathbf{R}, \tag{3.1}$$

where $X_{01} (\in \mathbf{R})$ is a $v_3 \times v_3$ matrix satisfying $X_{01}M_T = \sum_{u=0}^{1} D_0^{(u,u)}$.

(II) If T is a 2^m-BFF design having resolution $R^*(\{1\}|P)$, then the BLUE of a vector of estimable parametric functions $D_0^{(1,1)}\underline{\theta}(=\underline{\Psi}_1, say)$ and the covariance matrix of its estimate are, respectively, given by

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$$\hat{\Psi}_1 = X_1 E'_T \underline{y}_T$$

and

$$\operatorname{Cov}[\hat{\Psi}_{1}] = \sigma^{2} X_{1} M_{T} X_{1}' \in \mathbf{R}, \qquad (3.2)$$

where $X_1 \in \mathbf{R}$ is a $v_3 \times v_3$ matrix satisfying $X_1 M_T = D_0^{(1,1)}$.

It is known that a BA(m, 6; $z_0^{(m)}$, $z_1^{(m)}$,..., $z_m^{(m)}$) gives an SA(m; $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, ..., \lambda_m$) for the cases of m = 6 and 7. It has been shown in Hyodo [16] that a BA(8, 6; $z_0^{(8)}$, $z_1^{(8)}$,..., $z_8^{(8)}$) turns out to be an SA(8; $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, ..., \lambda_8$) provided the information matrix is singular. The following proposition is due to Hyodo [15, 16].

PROPOSITION 3.3. Consider 2^m -BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0, 1\}|P)$ and $R^*(\{1\}|P)$ for the cases of m = 6,7,8 and $N < v_3$, where $P = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. Such designs are explicitly described by some specified $SA(m; \lambda_0, \lambda_1, ..., \lambda_m)$ as will be seen in Tables 3.1 and 3.2.

TABLE 3.1. 2^m-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0, 1\}|P)$ with $6 \le m \le 8$

| m | Resolution | Conditions on SA(m; $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_m$) |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| 6 | $R(\{0, 1, 2, 3\} P)$, i.e., VII | non-exist (since $N < v_3$) |
| | $R(\{0,1,3\} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{0, 1, 2\} P)$, i.e., VI | (6a) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i=0, 2, 4, 6), $\lambda_j = 0$ (j=1, 3, 5); |
| | | (6b) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i = 2, 4, 5), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_6 > 0$, $\lambda_3 = 0$; |
| | | (6c) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i = 1, 2, 4), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 > 0$, $\lambda_3 = 0$; |
| | | (6d) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i = 1, 3, 5), $\lambda_j = 0$ (j = 0, 2, 4, 6); or |
| | | (6e) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i = 1, 3, 5), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_6 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (j = 2, 4) |
| | $R(\{0, 1\} P)$ | (6f) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i=1,4,5), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_6 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (j=2,3); or |
| | | (6g) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i = 1, 2, 5), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_6 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (j = 3, 4) |
| 7 | $R(\{0, 1, 2, 3\} P)$, i.e., VII | non-exist (since $N < v_3$) |
| | $R(\{0, 1, 3\} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{0, 1, 2\} P)$, i.e., VI | (7a) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i=2, 5, 6), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_7 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (j=3, 4); or |
| | | (7b) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i = 1, 2, 5), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_7 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (j = 3, 4) |
| | $R(\{0,1\} P)$ | (7c) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i = 1, 5, 6), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_7 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (j = 2, 3, 4); |
| | | (7d) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i=1, 2, 6), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_7 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (j=3, 4, 5); |
| | | (7e) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i=0, 1, 4, 7), $\lambda_j = 0$ (j=2, 3, 5, 6); |
| | | (7f) $\lambda_i > 0$ (<i>i</i> =0, 3, 6, 7), $\lambda_j = 0$ (<i>j</i> =1, 2, 4, 5); |
| | | (7g) $\lambda_i > 0$ (<i>i</i> =1,4,6), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_7 > 0$, $\lambda_i = 0$ (<i>j</i> =2,3,5); or |
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| TABLE 3.1. | (continued) |
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| m | Resolution | Conditions on SA(m; $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_m$) |
|---|--|---|
| 8 | $R(\{0, 1, 2, 3\} P), \text{ i.e., VII}$ | non-exist (since $N < v_3$) |
| | $R(\{0,1,3\} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{0, 1, 2\} P)$, i.e., VI | (8a) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i=2, 6, 7), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_8 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (j=3, 4, 5); |
| | | (8b) $\lambda_i > 0$ (<i>i</i> =1, 2, 6), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (<i>j</i> =3, 4, 5); or |
| | | (8c) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i = 1, 4, 7), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_8 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (j = 2, 3, 5, 6) |
| | $R(\{0, 1\} P)$ | (8d) $\lambda_i > 0$ (<i>i</i> =1, 6, 7), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_8 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (<i>j</i> =2, 3, 4, 5); |
| | | (8e) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i = 1, 2, 7), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_8 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (j = 3, 4, 5, 6); |
| | | (8f) $\lambda_i > 0$ (<i>i</i> =1, 5, 7), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_8 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (<i>j</i> =2, 3, 4, 6); or |
| | | (8g) $\lambda_i > 0$ (<i>i</i> =1, 3, 7), $\lambda_0 + \lambda_8 > 0$, $\lambda_j = 0$ (<i>j</i> =2, 4, 5, 6) |

TABLE 3.2. 2^m-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{1\}|P)$ with $6 \le m \le 8$

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| m | Resolution | Conditions on SA(m; $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_m$) |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| 6 | $R(\{0, 1, 2, 3\} P)$, i.e., VII | non-exist (since $N < v_3$) |
| | $R(\{1, 2, 3\} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{0,1,3\} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{0, 1, 2\} P)$, i.e., VI | (6a)-(6e) in Table 3.1 |
| | $R(\{1,3\} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{1,2\} P)$, i.e., VI | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{0,1\} P)$ | (6f) and (6g) in Table 3.1 |
| | $R(\{1\} P)$ | (6h) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i = 1, 4, 5), $\lambda_j = 0$ (j = 0, 2, 3, 6); or |
| | | (6i) $\lambda_i > 0$ (i=1,2,5), $\lambda_j = 0$ (j=0,3,4,6) |
| 7 | $R(\{0, 1, 2, 3\} P)$, i.e., VII | non-exist (since $N < v_3$) |
| | $R(\{1,2,3\} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{0,1,3\} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{0, 1, 2\} P)$, i.e., VI | (7a) and (7b) in Table 3.1 |
| | $R(\{1,3\} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{1,2\} P)$, i.e., VI | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{0,1\} P)$ | (7c)-(7h) in Table 3.1 |
| | $R({1} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |
| 8 | $R(\{0, 1, 2, 3\} P)$, i.e., VII | non-exist (since $N < v_3$) |
| | $R(\{0,1,3\} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{0, 1, 2\} P)$, i.e., VI | (8a)-(8c) in Table 3.1 |
| | $R(\{1,3\} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{1,2\} P)$, i.e., VI | non-exist (see [15]) |
| | $R(\{0,1\} P)$ | (8d)-(8g) in Table 3.1 |
| | $R(\{1\} P)$ | non-exist (see [15]) |

4. PA-optimal 2^{*m*}-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0, 1\}|P)$ and $R^*(\{1\}|P)$ with $6 \le m \le 8$

We shall consider a 2^m -BFF design derived from a BA(m, 6; $z_0^{(m)}, z_1^{(m)}, \ldots, z_m^{(m)}$). For $P = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$, PA-optimal 2^m -BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0, 1\}|P)$ and $R^*(\{1\}|P)$ are then defined as follows:

DEFINITION 4.1. A 2^{*m*}-BFF design having resolution $R^*(\{0,1\}|P)$ is said to be partial A-optimal, written PA-optimal 2^{*m*}-BFF design having resolution $R^*(\{0,1\}|P)$ for brevity, if tr(Cov[$\hat{\Psi}_{01}$]/ σ^2)(= S_{01} , say) is a minimum for a given pair (N, m), where Cov[$\hat{\Psi}_{01}$] is given in (3.1) and tr(S) denotes the trace of a matrix S.

DEFINITION 4.2. A 2^m -BFF design having resolution $R^*(\{1\}|P)$ is said to be partial A-optimal, written PA-optimal 2^m -BFF design having resolution $R^*(\{1\}|P)$ for brevity, if $tr(Cov[\hat{\Psi}_1]/\sigma^2)(=S_1$, say) is a minimum for a given pair (N, m), where $Cov[\hat{\Psi}_1]$ is given in (3.2).

Let $k_{i,j}^0$ and $k_{r,s}^1$ be, respectively, the (i + 1, j + 1)-element and (r + 1, s + 1)-element of

(i)
$$K_0^{-1}$$
 and $\begin{bmatrix} K_1^{0,0} & k_1^{0,1} \\ k_1^{1,0} & k_1^{1,1} \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$ (= $K_{(1)}^{-1}$, say) (4.1)

for the series (6a), (7e) and (7f) in Proposition 3.3,

(ii)
$$\begin{bmatrix} k_0^{0,0} & k_0^{0,1} & k_0^{0,2} \\ k_0^{1,1} & k_0^{1,2} \\ \text{sym.} & k_0^{2,2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} (= K_{(0)}^{-1}, \text{ say}) \text{ and } K_1^{-1}$$
(4.2)

for the series (6d), (6h) and (6i) in Proposition 3.3

and

(iii) K_0^{-1} and K_1^{-1} for the remaining series. (4.3)

Note that from Proposition 2.1, K_0 and $K_{(1)}$ in (4.1), $K_{(0)}$ and K_1 in (4.2), and K_0 and K_1 in (4.3) are nonsingular. Then we have the following:

THEOREM 4.1. (I) If T is an array of Table 3.1, then $\text{Cov}[\hat{\Psi}_{01}]$ and S_{01} are, respectively, given by

$$\operatorname{Cov}\left[\hat{\Psi}_{01}\right] = \sigma^2 \sum_{b=0}^{1} \sum_{r=0}^{1-b} \sum_{s=0}^{1-b} k_{r,s}^b D_b^{(b+r,b+s)*} \in \mathbf{R}$$
(4.4)

and

$$S_{01} = (k_{0,0}^0 + k_{1,1}^0) + (m-1)k_{0,0}^1.$$
(4.5)

(II) If T is an array of Table 3.2, then $Cov[\hat{\Psi}_1]$ and S_1 are, respectively, given by

$$\operatorname{Cov}[\hat{\Psi}_{1}] = \sigma^{2} \{k_{1,1}^{0} D_{0}^{(1,1)*} + k_{0,0}^{1} D_{1}^{(1,1)*}\} \in \mathbb{R}$$
(4.6)

and

$$S_1 = k_{1,1}^0 + (m-1)k_{0,0}^1.$$
(4.7)

PROOF. (I) Consider T being an array of Table 3.1.

(i) If T is an array of the series (7e) and (7f), then using

$$X_{01} = \sum_{r=0}^{1} \sum_{s=0}^{3} k_{r,s}^{0} D_{0}^{(r,s)*} + \sum_{s=0}^{1} k_{0,s}^{1} D_{1}^{(1,s+1)*} \in \mathbf{R},$$

it holds from (2.1), (2.3) and (2.4) that $X_{01}M_T = \sum_{u=0}^{1} D_0^{(u,u)}$. Furthermore substituting the above X_{01} into (3.1), we get (4.4) from (2.1), (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4).

(ii) For T being an array of the remaining series, let

$$X_{01} = \sum_{b=0}^{1} \sum_{r=0}^{1-b} \sum_{s=0}^{3-b} k_{r,s}^{b} D_{b}^{(b+r,b+s)} \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Then from the argument similar to the above, we have (4.4). Applying (2.3) and (2.5) to (4.4), we have (4.5).

(II) Consider T being an array of Table 3.2.

(i) If T is an array of the series (6a), (7e) and (7f), then using

$$X_1 = \sum_{s=0}^3 k_{1,s}^0 D_0^{(1,s)*} + \sum_{s=0}^1 k_{0,s}^1 D_1^{(1,s+1)*} \in \mathbf{R},$$

as computed in (I) we have (4.6).

(ii) If T is an array of the series (6d), (6h) and (6i), then using

$$X_1 = \sum_{s=0}^2 k_{1,s}^0 D_0^{(1,s)*} + \sum_{s=0}^2 k_{0,s}^1 D_1^{(1,1+s)*} \in \mathbf{R},$$

we obtain (4.6).

(iii) If T is an array of the remaining series, then by use of

$$X_1 = \sum_{s=0}^3 k_{1,s}^0 D_0^{(1,s)\#} + \sum_{s=0}^2 k_{0,s}^1 D_1^{(1,1+s)\#} \in \mathbf{R},$$

we can obtain (4.6). The formula (4.7) can be obtained from (2.3), (2.5) and (4.6). This completes the proof.

Let $c_a^{(u,v)}$ be an element of $\operatorname{Cov}[\hat{\Psi}_{01}]/\sigma^2$ (= C_{01} , say) or $\operatorname{Cov}[\hat{\Psi}_1]/\sigma^2$ (= C_1 , say) corresponding to the $\theta_{t_1...t_u}$ -th row and $\theta_{t_1...t_v}$ -th column, which are the *a*-th associates. Then the following theorem is immediately obtained from (2.2) and (4.4) (or (4.6)).

THEOREM 4.2. (I) If T is an array of Table 3.1, then the elements $c_a^{(u,v)}(0 \le a \le \min(u, v); u, v = 0, 1)$ of C_{01} are given by

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$$\begin{aligned} c_0^{(0,0)} &= k_{0,0}^0, \\ c_0^{(0,1)} &= c_0^{(1,0)} = k_{0,1}^0 / m^{1/2}, \\ c_0^{(1,1)} &= \{k_{1,1}^0 + (m-1)k_{0,0}^1\} / m \end{aligned}$$

and

$$c_1^{(1,1)} = (k_{1,1}^0 - k_{0,0}^1)/m,$$

where $k_{r,s}^b$ $(0 \le b \le r \le s \le 1)$ are given in (I) of Theorem 4.1.

(II) If T is an array of Table 3.2, then the elements $c_a^{(1,1)}(a = 0, 1)$ of C_1 are given by

$$c_0^{(1,1)} = \{k_{1,1}^0 + (m-1)k_{0,0}^1\}/m$$

and

$$c_1^{(1,1)} = (k_{1,1}^0 - k_{0,0}^1)/m,$$

where $k_{1,1}^0$ and $k_{0,0}^1$ are given in (II) of Theorem 4.1.

We are interested in the estimation of the general mean and the main effects or the main effects only. By Theorems 4.1 and 4.2, PA-optimal 2^m-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0,1\}|P)$ and $R^*(\{1\}|P)$ will be presented for 6 $\leq m \leq 8$, where $P = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. If $N \geq v_3$, then there always exist a 2^m-BFF design of resolution VII. Thus we only consider the case of $N < v_3$. First, we shall consider 2^m-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0,1\}|P)$, which satisfy (i) $m = 6, 28 \le N \le 41$, (ii) $m = 7, 36 \le N \le 63$ and (iii) $m = 8, 45 \le N \le 92$ as in Table 3.1. Note that the lower bounds of N for the existence of such designs can be obtained from the series (6f) (or (6g)) for m = 6, (7c) (or (7d)) for m = 7, and (8d)(or (8e)) for m = 8. In Tables 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, PA-optimal 2^{m} -BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0,1\}|P)$ for m = 6, 7 and 8 are, respectively, given $c_a^{(u,v)} (0 \leq a$ with $SA(m; \lambda_0, \lambda_1, ..., \lambda_m)$, resolution, S_{01} and together $\leq \min(u, v); u, v = 0, 1$ for each N. Next we consider 2^m-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{1\}|P)$, which satisfy (i) m = 6, $27 \leq N \leq 41$, (ii) m = 7, $36 \leq N$ ≤ 63 and (iii) m = 8, $45 \leq N \leq 92$ as in Table 3.2. We note that the lower bounds of N for the existence of such designs can be obtained from the series (6h) (or (6i)) for m = 6, (7c) (or (7d)) for m = 7, and (8d) (or (8e)) for m = 8. In Tables 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6, PA-optimal 2^m -BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{1\}|P)$ for m = 6, 7 and 8 are, respectively, given together with $SA(m; \lambda_0, \lambda_1, ..., \lambda_m)$, resolution, S_1 and $c_a^{(1,1)}(a=0,1)$ for each N. Note that for the designs in Tables 4.1 through 4.6, their complementary designs are also optimal and have the same resolution. In Tables 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6, the designs which are not PAoptimal designs having resolution $R^*(\{0,1\}|P)$ will be indicated by the asterisk *.

TABLE 4.1. PA-optimal 2⁶-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0,1\}|P)$ (28 $\leq N \leq 41$)

| Ν | $SA(6; \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_6)$ | Resolution | <i>S</i> ₀₁ | $c_0^{(0,0)}$ | $c_0^{(0,1)}$ |
|-----|---|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | $c_0^{(1,1)}$ | $c_1^{(1,1)}$ |
| 28 | SA(6; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | $R(\{0,1\} P)$ | 0.58333 | 0.08333 | -0.01042 |
| | | | | 0.08333 | -0.01042 |
| 29 | SA(6; 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 0.57552 | 0.07552 | -0.01042 |
| | | | | 0.08333 | -0.01042 |
| 30 | SA(6; 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 0.57224 | 0.07549 | -0.01055 |
| | | | | 0.08279 | -0.01096 |
| 31 | SA(6; 3, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 0.56963 | 0.07292 | -0.01042 |
| | | | | 0.08279 | -0.01096 |
| 32a | SA(6; 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1) | $R(\{0, 1, 2\} P)$ | 0.21875 | 0.03125 | 0.00000 |
| | | | | 0.03125 | 0.00000 |
| 32b | SA (6; 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | | | |
| 33 | SA(6; 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2) | | 0.21533 | 0.03076 | -0.00049 |
| | | | | 0.03076 | -0.00049 |
| 34 | SA(6; 2, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2) | | 0.21191 | 0.03027 | 0.00000 |
| | | | | 0.03027 | -0.00098 |
| 35 | SA(6; 2, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 3) | | 0.21077 | 0.03011 | -0.00016 |
| | | | | 0.03011 | -0.00114 |
| 36 | SA(6; 3, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 3) | | 0.20964 | 0.02995 | 0.00000 |
| | | | | 0.02995 | -0.00130 |
| 37 | SA(6; 3, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 4) | | 0.20907 | 0.02987 | -0.00008 |
| | | | | 0.02987 | -0.00138 |
| 38 | SA(6;0,1,0,1,0,2,0) | | 0.19824 | 0.02832 | -0.00195 |
| | | | | 0.02832 | -0.00098 |
| 39a | SA(6; 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 1) | | 0.19824 | 0.02832 | -0.00195 |
| | | | | 0.02832 | -0.00098 |
| 39Ъ | SA(6; 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0) | | | | |
| 40 | SA(6; 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 1) | | 0.19711 | 0.02811 | -0.00177 |
| | | | | 0.02817 | -0.00113 |
| 41a | SA(6; 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 2) | | 0.19693 | 0.02808 | -0.00174 |
| | | | | 0.02814 | -0.00116 |
| 41b | SA(6; 2, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 1) | | | | |

| N | $SA(7; \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_7)$ | Resolution | <i>S</i> ₀₁ | $c_0^{(0,0)}$ | $c_0^{(0,1)}$ |
|----|---|----------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | $C_0^{(1,1)}$ | $c_1^{(1,1)}$ |
| 36 | SA (7; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | $R(\{0,1\} P)$ | 1.10500 | 0.13812 | -0.01812 |
| | | | | 0.13812 | -0.01813 |
| 37 | SA(7; 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.07750 | 0.11281 | -0.01531 |
| | | | | 0.13781 | -0.01844 |
| 38 | SA(7; 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.06833 | 0.10437 | -0.01437 |
| | | | | 0.13771 | -0.01854 |
| 39 | SA(7; 4, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.06375 | 0.10016 | -0.01391 |
| | | | | 0.13766 | -0.01859 |
| 40 | SA (7; 5, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.06100 | 0.09762 | -0.01362 |
| | | | | 0.13762 | -0.01863 |
| 41 | SA(7; 5, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 1.05870 | 0.09564 | -0.01332 |
| | | | | 0.13758 | -0.01867 |
| 42 | SA(7; 6, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 1.05666 | 0.09377 | -0.01311 |
| | | | | 0.13756 | -0.01869 |
| 43 | SA (7; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 0.91250 | 0.13594 | -0.01719 |
| | | | | 0.11094 | -0.01406 |
| 44 | SA (7; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1) | | 0.26389 | 0.03299 | -0.00868 |
| | | | | 0.03299 | 0.00868 |
| 45 | SA (7; 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1) | | 0.24826 | 0.03103 | -0.00673 |
| | | | | 0.03103 | 0.00673 |
| 46 | SA (7; 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2) | | 0.24132 | 0.03016 | -0.00760 |
| | | | | 0.03016 | 0.00586 |
| 47 | SA(7; 3, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2) | | 0.23611 | 0.02951 | -0.00694 |
| | | | | 0.02951 | 0.00521 |
| 48 | SA(7;4,1,0,0,1,0,0,2) | | 0.23351 | 0.02919 | -0.00662 |
| | | | | 0.02919 | 0.00488 |
| 49 | SA(7; 4, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 3) | | 0.23119 | 0.02890 | -0.00691 |
| | | | | 0.02890 | 0.00459 |
| 50 | SA (7; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.22271 | 0.03969 | -0.00875 |
| | | | | 0.02615 | 0.00184 |
| 51 | SA (7; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1) | | 0.21346 | 0.03270 | -0.00725 |
| | | | | 0.02582 | 0.00152 |
| 52 | SA (7; 2, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1) | | 0.19965 | 0.02496 | -0.00239 |
| | | | | 0.02496 | 0.00412 |
| 53 | SA (7; 2, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2) | | 0.19271 | 0.02409 | -0.00326 |
| | | | | 0.02409 | 0.00326 |
| | | | | | |

TABLE 4.2. PA-optimal 2⁷-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0,1\}|P)$ (36 $\leq N \leq 63$)

| N | $\mathbf{SA}(7;\lambda_0,\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_7)$ | Resolution | <i>S</i> ₀₁ | $c_0^{(0,0)}$ | $c_0^{(0,1)}$ |
|----|---|------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | $c_0^{(1,1)}$ | $c_1^{(1,1)}$ |
| 54 | SA(7; 3, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2) | | 0.18750 | 0.02344 | -0.00260 |
| | | | | 0.02344 | 0.00260 |
| 55 | SA(7; 4, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2) | | 0.18490 | 0.02311 | -0.00228 |
| | | | | 0.02311 | 0.00228 |
| 56 | SA(7; 4, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 3) | | 0.18258 | 0.02282 | -0.00257 |
| | | | | 0.02282 | 0.00199 |
| 57 | SA(7; 5, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 3) | | 0.18102 | 0.02263 | -0.00237 |
| | | | | 0.02263 | 0.00179 |
| 58 | SA (7; 2, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.17406 | 0.02654 | -0.00354 |
| | | | | 0.02107 | 0.00024 |
| 59 | SA (7; 3, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.17146 | 0.02508 | -0.00305 |
| | | | | 0.02091 | 0.00008 |
| 60 | SA (7; 3, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1) | | 0.17013 | 0.02376 | -0.00309 |
| | | | | 0.02091 | 0.00008 |
| 61 | SA(7; 4, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1) | | 0.16905 | 0.02329 | -0.00289 |
| | | | | 0.02082 | -0.00001 |
| 62 | SA (7; 5, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1) | | 0.16837 | 0.02299 | -0.00276 |
| | | | | 0.02077 | -0.00006 |
| 63 | SA (7; 4, 3, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 3) | | 0.16638 | 0.02080 | -0.00112 |
| | | | | 0.02080 | 0.00112 |
| | | | | | |

TABLE 4.2. (continued)

TABLE 4.3. PA-optimal 2⁸-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{0,1\}|P)$ (45 $\leq N \leq 92$)

| N | $SA(8; \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_8)$ | Resolution | <i>S</i> ₀₁ | $c_0^{(0,0)}$ | $C_0^{(0,1)}$ |
|----|---|----------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | $c_0^{(1,1)}$ | $c_1^{(1,1)}$ |
| 45 | SA(8; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | $R(\{0,1\} P)$ | 2.01000 | 0.22333 | -0.02667 |
| | | | | 0.22333 | -0.02667 |
| 46 | SA (8; 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.94750 | 0.16778 | -0.01972 |
| | | | | 0.22247 | -0.02753 |
| 47 | SA(8; 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.92667 | 0.14926 | -0.01741 |
| | | | | 0.22218 | -0.02782 |
| 48 | SA(8; 4, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.91625 | 0.14000 | -0.01625 |
| | | | | 0.22203 | -0.02797 |
| 49 | SA (8; 5, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.91000 | 0.13444 | -0.01556 |
| | | | | 0.22194 | -0.02806 |

| N | $SA(8; \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_8)$ | Resolution | <i>S</i> ₀₁ | $c_0^{(0,0)}$ | $c_0^{(0,1)}$ |
|----|---|------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | $c_0^{(1,1)}$ | $C_1^{(1,1)}$ |
| 50 | SA (8; 5, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 1.90494 | 0.12940 | -0.01567 |
| | | | | 0.22194 | -0.02806 |
| 51 | SA(8; 6, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 1.90039 | 0.12531 | -0.01518 |
| | | | | 0.22189 | -0.02811 |
| 52 | SA(8; 7, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 1.89714 | 0.12239 | -0.01484 |
| | | | | 0.22184 | -0.02816 |
| 53 | SA (8; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 1.51000 | 0.21639 | -0.02580 |
| | | | | 0.16170 | -0.01799 |
| 54 | SA (8; 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 1.44750 | 0.16083 | -0.01885 |
| | | | | 0.16083 | -0.01885 |
| 55 | SA (8; 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 1.42667 | 0.14231 | -0.01654 |
| | | | | 0.16054 | -0.01914 |
| 6 | SA(8; 4, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 1.41625 | 0.13306 | -0.01538 |
| | | | | 0.16040 | -0.01929 |
| 57 | SA (8; 5, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 1.41000 | 0.12750 | -0.01469 |
| | | | | 0.16031 | -0.01938 |
| 58 | SA(8; 6, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 1.40583 | 0.12380 | -0.01422 |
| | | | | 0.16025 | -0.01943 |
| 9 | SA(8; 7, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 1.40286 | 0.12115 | -0.01389 |
| | | | | 0.16021 | -0.01947 |
| 0 | SA(8; 8, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 1.40063 | 0.11917 | -0.01365 |
| | | | | 0.16018 | -0.01951 |
| 1 | SA(8; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0) | | 1.34333 | 0.21407 | -0.02551 |
| | | | | 0.14116 | -0.01509 |
| 52 | SA(8; 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0) | | 1.28083 | 0.15852 | -0.01856 |
| | | | | 0.14029 | -0.01596 |
| 3 | SA(8; 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0) | | 1.26000 | 0.14000 | -0.01625 |
| | | | | 0.14000 | -0.01625 |
| 4 | SA(8; 4, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0) | | 1.24958 | 0.13074 | -0.01509 |
| | | | | 0.13986 | -0.01639 |
| 5 | SA(8; 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | $R(\{0,1,2\} P)$ | 0.89702 | 0.04253 | 0.00045 |
| | | | | 0.10681 | -0.01428 |
| 6 | SA (8; 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 0.89087 | 0.03638 | 0.00047 |
| | | | | 0.10681 | -0.01428 |
| 7 | SA (8; 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 0.88740 | 0.03323 | 0.00012 |
| | | | | 0.10677 | -0.01432 |
| 8 | SA(8; 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2) | | 0.88529 | 0.03112 | 0.00011 |
| | | | | 0.10677 | -0.01432 |

TABLE 4.3. (continued-1)

| Ν | $\mathbf{SA}(8;\lambda_0,\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_8)$ | Resolution | <i>S</i> ₀₁ | $c_0^{(0,0)}$ | $c_0^{(0,1)}$ |
|----|---|------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | $c_0^{(1,1)}$ | $c_1^{(1,1)}$ |
| 69 | SA (8; 3, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2) | | 0.88406 | 0.03000 | -0.00001 |
| | | | | 0.10676 | -0.01434 |
| 70 | SA(8; 3, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 3) | | 0.88300 | 0.02893 | -0.00001 |
| | | | | 0.10676 | -0.01434 |
| 71 | SA(8; 4, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 3) | | 0.88236 | 0.02835 | -0.00008 |
| | | | | 0.10675 | -0.01434 |
| 72 | SA (8; 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 0.59750 | 0.04500 | 0.00000 |
| | | | | 0.06906 | -0.00906 |
| 73 | SA (8; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | $R(\{0,1\} P)$ | 0.32000 | 0.08000 | -0.01922 |
| | | | | 0.03000 | 0.00266 |
| 74 | SA (8; 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.29000 | 0.06000 | -0.01422 |
| | | | | 0.02875 | 0.00141 |
| 75 | SA(8; 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.28000 | 0.05333 | -0.01255 |
| | | | | 0.02833 | 0.00099 |
| 76 | SA (8; 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1) | | 0.27493 | 0.04927 | -0.01184 |
| | | | | 0.02821 | 0.00086 |
| 77 | SA (8; 4, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1) | | 0.27107 | 0.04679 | -0.01118 |
| | | | | 0.02804 | 0.00069 |
| 78 | SA (8; 5, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1) | | 0.26869 | 0.04525 | -0.01078 |
| | | | | 0.02793 | 0.00059 |
| 79 | SA (8; 6, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1) | | 0.26708 | 0.04421 | -0.01051 |
| | | | | 0.02786 | 0.00051 |
| 80 | SA(8; 6, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 2) | | 0.26588 | 0.04320 | -0.01035 |
| | | | | 0.02783 | 0.00049 |
| 81 | SA (8; 1, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.26141 | 0.06438 | -0.01434 |
| | | | | 0.02463 | 0.00168 |
| 82 | SA (8; 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.23141 | 0.04438 | -0.00934 |
| | | | | 0.02338 | 0.00043 |
| 83 | SA (8; 3, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.22141 | 0.03771 | -0.00767 |
| | | | | 0.02296 | 0.00001 |
| 84 | SA (8; 4, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.21641 | 0.03438 | -0.00684 |
| | | | | 0.02275 | -0.00020 |
| 85 | SA(8; 5, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.21341 | 0.03238 | -0.00634 |
| | | | | 0.02263 | -0.00032 |
| 86 | SA(8; 6, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.21141 | 0.03104 | -0.00600 |
| | | | | 0.02255 | -0.00040 |
| 87 | SA (8; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0) | $R(\{0,1,2\} P)$ | 0.16574 | 0.01173 | -0.00100 |
| | | | | 0.01925 | 0.00710 |
| | | | | | |

TABLE 4.3. (continued-2)

| N | $SA(8; \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_8)$ | Resolution | <i>S</i> ₀₁ | $c_0^{(0,0)}$ | $c_0^{(0,1)}$ |
|----|---|------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | $c_0^{(1,1)}$ | $c_1^{(1,1)}$ |
| 88 | SA(8; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1) | | 0.14331 | 0.01136 | 0.00000 |
| | | | | 0.01649 | 0.00434 |
| 89 | SA (8; 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1) | | 0.13848 | 0.01129 | -0.00022 |
| | | | | 0.01590 | 0.00375 |
| 90 | SA (8; 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 2) | | 0.13530 | 0.01116 | 0.00000 |
| | | | | 0.01552 | 0.00336 |
| 91 | SA (8; 3, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 2) | 0.13381 | 0.13381 | 0.01111 | -0.00010 |
| | | | | 0.01534 | 0.00318 |
| 92 | SA (8; 3, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 3) | | 0.13257 | 0.01104 | 0.00000 |
| | | | | 0.01519 | 0.00304 |

TABLE 4.3. (continued-3)

TABLE 4.4. PA-optimal 2⁶-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{1\}|P)$ (27 $\leq N \leq 41$)

| N | $SA(6; \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_6)$ | Resolution | S ₁ | $c_0^{(1,1)}$ | $c_1^{(1,1)}$ |
|------|--|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| *27 | SA(6;0,1,0,0,1,1,0) | $R(\{1\} P)$ | 0.49680 | 0.08280 | -0.01095 |
| *28a | SA (6; 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | $R(\{0,1\} P)$ | 0.50000 | 0.08333 | -0.01042 |
| 28b | SA (6; 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1) | | | | |
| *29 | SA(6; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 0.49688 | 0.08281 | -0.01094 |
| *30 | SA(6; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2) | | 0.49632 | 0.08272 | -0.01103 |
| *31 | SA(6; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 3) | | 0.49609 | 0.08268 | -0.01107 |
| 32a | SA (6; 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1) | $R(\{0,1,2\} P)$ | 0.18750 | 0.03125 | 0.00000 |
| 32b | SA (6; 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | | | |
| 33 | SA(6; 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2) | | 0.18457 | 0.03076 | -0.00049 |
| 34 | SA(6; 2, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2) | | 0.18164 | 0.03027 | -0.00098 |
| 35 | SA(6; 2, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 3) | | 0.18066 | 0.03011 | -0.00114 |
| 36 | SA(6; 3, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 3) | | 0.17969 | 0.02995 | -0.00130 |
| 37 | SA(6; 3, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 4) | | 0.17920 | 0.02987 | -0.00138 |
| 38 | SA (6; 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0) | | 0.16992 | 0.02832 | -0.00098 |
| 39a | SA(6;0,1,0,1,0,2,1) | | 0.16992 | 0.02832 | -0.00098 |
| 39b | SA(6; 0, 2, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1) | | | | |
| 40 | SA(6; 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 1) | | 0.16900 | 0.02817 | -0.00113 |
| 41a | SA(6; 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 2) | | 0.16885 | 0.02814 | -0.00116 |
| 41b | SA(6; 2, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 1) | | | | |

TABLE 4.5. PA-optimal 2⁷-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{1\}|P)$ (36 $\leq N \leq 63$)

| N | $\mathbf{SA}(7;\lambda_0,\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_7)$ | Resolution | S ₁ | $c_0^{(1,1)}$ | $c_1^{(1,1)}$ |
|------------|---|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 36 | SA (7; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | $R(\{0,1\} P)$ | 0.96687 | 0.13812 | -0.01813 |
| 37 | SA (7; 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 0.96469 | 0.13781 | -0.01844 |
| 38 | SA (7; 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 0.96396 | 0.13771 | -0.01854 |
| 39 | SA (7; 4, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 0.96359 | 0.13766 | -0.01859 |
| *40 | SA (7; 4, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 0.96331 | 0.13762 | -0.01863 |
| 41 | SA (7; 5, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 0.96306 | 0.13758 | -0.01867 |
| 42 | SA(7; 6, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1) | | 0.96289 | 0.13756 | -0.01869 |
| 43 | SA (7; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 0.77656 | 0.11094 | -0.01406 |
| 44 | SA (7; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1) | | 0.23090 | 0.03299 | 0.00868 |
| 45 | SA (7; 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1) | | 0.21723 | 0.03103 | 0.00673 |
| 46 | SA(7; 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2) | | 0.21115 | 0.03016 | 0.00586 |
| 47 | SA(7; 3, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2) | | 0.20660 | 0.02951 | 0.00521 |
| 48 | SA(7; 4, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2) | | 0.20432 | 0.02919 | 0.00488 |
| 49 | SA(7;4,1,0,0,1,0,0,3) | | 0.20229 | 0.02890 | 0.00459 |
| 50 | SA(7; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.18302 | 0.02615 | 0.00184 |
| *51 | SA(7; 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.17960 | 0.02566 | 0.00135 |
| 52 | SA (7; 2, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1) | | 0.17470 | 0.02496 | 0.00412 |
| 53 | SA(7; 2, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2) | | 0.16862 | 0.02409 | 0.00326 |
| 54 | SA (7; 3, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2) | | 0.16406 | 0.02344 | 0.00260 |
| 55 | SA(7; 4, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2) | | 0.16178 | 0.02311 | 0.00228 |
| 56 | SA(7; 4, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 3) | | 0.15976 | 0.02282 | 0.00199 |
| *57 | SA (7; 1, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.15094 | 0.02156 | 0.00073 |
| 58 | SA(7; 2, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.14752 | 0.02107 | 0.00024 |
| 59 | SA(7; 3, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.14638 | 0.02091 | 0.00008 |
| *60 | SA(7; 4, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.14581 | 0.02083 | 0.00000 |
| *61 | SA(7; 5, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.14547 | 0.02078 | -0.00005 |
| *62 | SA(7; 6, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.14524 | 0.02075 | -0.00008 |
| *63 | SA(7; 7, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.14508 | 0.02073 | -0.00011 |

| N | $SA(8; \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_8) \qquad \mathbf{R}$ | Resolution | <i>S</i> ₁ | $c_0^{(1,1)}$ | $c_1^{(1,1)}$ |
|-------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 57(0, 70, 71,, 78) | | | | |
| 45 | SA (8; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) <i>R</i> (| $(\{0,1\} P)$ | 1.78667 | 0.22333 | -0.02667 |
| 46 | SA(8; 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.77972 | 0.22247 | -0.02753 |
| 47 | SA (8; 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.77741 | 0.22218 | -0.02782 |
| 48 | SA(8;4,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0) | | 1.77625 | 0.22203 | -0.02797 |
| 49 | SA(8; 5, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.77556 | 0.22194 | -0.02806 |
| *50 | SA (8; 6, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.77509 | 0.22189 | -0.02811 |
| *51 | SA(8;7,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0) | | 1.77476 | 0.22185 | -0.02815 |
| *52 | SA (8; 8, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 1.77451 | 0.22181 | -0.02819 |
| 53 | SA(8;1,1,0,0,0,0,1,2,0) | | 1.29361 | 0.16170 | - 0.01799 |
| 54 | SA(8; 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 1.28667 | 0.16083 | -0.01885 |
| 55 | SA(8; 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 1.28435 | 0.16054 | -0.01914 |
| 56 | SA(8;4,1,0,0,0,0,1,2,0) | | 1.28319 | 0.16040 | -0.01929 |
| 57 | SA(8; 5, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 1.28250 | 0.16031 | -0.01938 |
| 58 | SA(8; 6, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0) | | 1.28204 | 0.16025 | -0.01943 |
| *59 | SA(8; 6, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 1) | | 1.28166 | 0.16021 | -0.01948 |
| *60 | SA(8; 7, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 1) | | 1.28136 | 0.16017 | 0.01952 |
| 61 | SA(8; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0) | | 1.12926 | 0.14116 | -0.01509 |
| 62 | SA(8; 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0) | | 1.12231 | 0.14029 | -0.01596 |
| 63 | SA(8; 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0) | | 1.12000 | 0.14000 | -0.01625 |
| 64 | SA(8; 4, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0) | | 1.11884 | 0.13986 | -0.01639 |
| 65 | SA(8; 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) R(| $(\{0, 1, 2\} P)$ | 0.85449 | 0.10681 | -0.01428 |
| *66 | SA(8; 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 0.85417 | 0.10677 | -0.01432 |
| *67 | SA (8; 3, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 0.85406 | 0.10676 | -0.01434 |
| *68 | SA(8;4,0,1,0,0,0,1,1,0) | | 0.85401 | 0.10675 | -0.01434 |
| *69 | SA (8; 5, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 0.85398 | 0.10675 | -0.01435 |
| *70 | SA (8; 6, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 0.85396 | 0.10674 | -0.01435 |
| * 71 | SA (8; 7, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 0.85394 | 0.10674 | -0.01435 |
| 72 | SA (8; 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) | | 0.55250 | 0.06906 | -0.00906 |
| 73 | SA (8; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) <i>R</i> (| $(\{0,1\} P)$ | 0.24000 | 0.03000 | 0.00266 |
| 74 | SA (8; 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.23000 | 0.02875 | 0.00141 |
| 75 | SA(8; 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.22667 | 0.02833 | 0.00099 |
| * 76 | SA(8;4,1,0,0,0,1,0,1,0) | | 0.22500 | 0.02813 | 0.00078 |
| * 77 | SA (8; 5, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.22400 | 0.02800 | 0.00066 |
| * 78 | SA(8; 6, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.22333 | 0.02792 | 0.00057 |
| * 79 | SA (8; 7, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.22286 | 0.02786 | 0.00051 |
| *80 | SA(8; 7, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1) | | 0.22245 | 0.02781 | 0.00046 |
| 81 | SA(8; 1, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.19703 | 0.02463 | 0.00168 |
| 82 | SA(8; 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | | 0.18703 | 0.02338 | 0.00043 |
| | | | | | |

TABLE 4.6. PA-optimal 2⁸-BFF designs having resolution $R^*(\{1\}|P) \ (45 \le N \le 92)$

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| N | $SA(8; \lambda_0, \lambda_1,, \lambda_8)$ Resolution | S ₁ | $c_0^{(1,1)}$ | $c_1^{(1,1)}$ |
|----|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 83 | SA (8; 3, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | 0.18370 | 0.02296 | 0.00001 |
| 84 | SA (8; 4, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | 0.18203 | 0.02275 | -0.00020 |
| 85 | SA (8; 5, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | 0.18103 | 0.02263 | -0.00032 |
| 86 | SA (8; 6, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0) | 0.18036 | 0.02255 | -0.00040 |
| 87 | $SA(8; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0) R(\{0, 1, 2\} P)$ | 0.15401 | 0.01925 | 0.00710 |
| 88 | SA (8; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1) | 0.13194 | 0.01649 | 0.00434 |
| 89 | SA (8; 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 2) | 0.12720 | 0.01590 | 0.00375 |
| 90 | SA (8; 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 2) | 0.12413 | 0.01552 | 0.00336 |
| 91 | SA (8; 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 3) | 0.12270 | 0.01534 | 0.00318 |
| 92 | SA (8; 3, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 3) | 0.12153 | 0.01519 | 0.00304 |

TABLE 4.6. (continued)

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