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Abstract

Let $(G, +)$ be a group of order v , k and λ be positive integers such that $2 \leq k \leq v$. A (v, k, λ) -difference packing (briefly DP) over G is a collection \mathcal{B} of k -subsets of G (called *base blocks*) such that the multiset

$$\Delta\mathcal{B} := \cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} \Delta B = \cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} \{y - y' : y, y' \in B, y \neq y'\}$$

covers every non-zero element of G at most λ times. The set $\lambda G \setminus \Delta\mathcal{B}$ is called the *difference leave* of this DP. In this talk, the existence results on $(v, k, 1)$ -DP over G are summarized. As applications, the existence result of cyclic balanced incomplete block designs (cyclic BIBDs) with block size 4 and any index greater than 1 is presented. We also give applications of our result to 1-rotational BIBDs with block size 4 and any index greater than 1.