

# Pair Covering Designs with Block Size 5 with Higher Index – The case of $v$ even

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## Abstract

A  $(v, k, \lambda)$  covering design is a set of  $b$  blocks of size  $k$  such that each pair of points occurs in at least  $\lambda$  blocks, and the covering number  $C(v, k, \lambda)$  is the minimum value of  $b$  in any  $(v, k, \lambda)$  covering design. For  $k = 5$  and  $v$  even, there are 24 open cases with  $2 \leq \lambda \leq 21$ , each of which is the start of an open series for  $\lambda, \lambda+20, \lambda+40, \dots$ . In this article we solve 22 of these cases with  $\lambda \leq 21$ , leaving open  $(v, 5, \lambda) = (44, 5, 13)$  and  $(44, 5, 17)$  (and the series initiated for the former).

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# 1 Introduction

A  $t$ - $(v, k, \lambda)$  covering design,  $(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{B})$ , is a set of blocks,  $\mathcal{B}$ , of uniform size  $k$  with the property that every  $t$ -tuple of the point set,  $\mathcal{V}$ , occurs in at least  $\lambda$  blocks. We will only consider  $2$ - $(v, 5, \lambda)$  covers with  $\lambda > 1$  here, i.e., pair covers by blocks of size 5, and restrict our study to the case  $v$  even. Mills and Mullin [14] dealt with  $v$  odd, apart from 4 open cases (see Theorem 1.4). We wish to establish the value of the covering number,  $C_\lambda(v, 5, 2)$ , which is the number of blocks in the smallest  $2$ - $(v, 5, \lambda)$  covering design. This number satisfies the Schönheim bound [18]:

$$C_\lambda(v, k, 2) \geq L_\lambda(v, k, 2) = \left\lceil \frac{v}{k} \left\lceil \frac{\lambda(v-1)}{k-1} \right\rceil \right\rceil.$$

However, it is known that the Schönheim bound cannot always be attained.

**Theorem 1.1 (Hanani [9])** *If  $\lambda(v-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{(k-1)}$  and  $\lambda v(v-1) \equiv (k-1)^2 \pmod{k(k-1)}$ , then  $C_\lambda(v, k, 2) \geq L_\lambda(v, k, 2) + 1$ .*

**Definition 1.2** *Let  $B_\lambda(v, k, 2) = L_\lambda(v, k, 2) + 1$  in the cases that the hypotheses of Theorem 1.1 are satisfied, and  $B_\lambda(v, k, 2) = L_\lambda(v, k, 2)$  otherwise.*

Table 1: Cases where  $B_\lambda(v, k, 2) = L_\lambda(v, k, 2) + 1$

$v \pmod{20}$	
0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16	never
2, 4, 12, 14	$\lambda \equiv 8 \pmod{20}$
3	$\lambda \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$
7, 19	$\lambda \equiv 8 \pmod{10}$
8, 18	$\lambda \equiv 16 \pmod{20}$
9, 17	$\lambda \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$
13	$\lambda \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$

In most cases, it is known that  $C_\lambda(v, 5, 2) = B_\lambda(v, 5, 2)$ . This is probably true of all  $(v, \lambda)$  with the definite exception of a handful of small cases listed in Table 2. However, in spite of much work by a number of authors extending over at least thirty years, the spectrum is still not fully determined. For  $\lambda = 1$ , the earlier work [11, 13, 15, 16] completed the cases

$v \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$  and limited  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Recent work [1, 2, 6] has limited  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and improved  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . We summarize the current status in Theorem 1.3 for  $\lambda = 1$ , and in Theorem 1.4 for  $\lambda > 1$ .

Table 2: Cases where  $C_\lambda(v, k, 2) > B_\lambda(v, k, 2)$  is known

$v$	$\lambda$	$C_\lambda(v, 5, 2)$
9,15	1,2	$B_\lambda(v, 5, 2) + 1$
12,20,24	1	$B_\lambda(v, 5, 2) + 1$
13	1	$B_\lambda(13, 5, 2) + 1 = L_\lambda(13, 5, 2) + 2$
13	2	$B_\lambda(13, 5, 2) + 1$
16,17	1	$B_\lambda(v, 5, 2) + 2$
29	1	$B_\lambda(29, 5, 2) + 1$ or $+2$

**Theorem 1.3** For  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $C_\lambda(v, 5, 2) = B_\lambda(v, 5, 2)$ , except possibly when:

- a.  $v = 15$ ;
- b.  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $v = [12-24], [40-52], [96-108], 124, [132-144], [176-184], 220, 228, 252, 260, 280, 284, 340, 344$ ;
- c.  $v \equiv 9, 17 \pmod{20}$  and  $v = [9-89], 109, [129-189], 209, [229-289], 309, [329-377], 429$ ;
- d.  $v \equiv 13 \pmod{20}$  and  $v \in \{13, 53, 73\}$ .

**Theorem 1.4** ([5]) For  $\lambda > 1$ ,  $C_\lambda(v, 5, 2) = B_\lambda(v, 5, 2)$ , except possibly when:

- a.  $\lambda = 2$  and  $v \in \{9, 13, 15, 53, 63, 73, 83\}$ ;
- b.  $\lambda \equiv 3 \pmod{20}$  and  $v \in \{18, 26, 122, 126, 138, 142, 146, 158, 162, 178, 186, 218, 226, 278\}$ ;
- c.  $\lambda \equiv 5 \pmod{20}$  and  $v \in \{28, 56\}$ ;
- d.  $\lambda \equiv 7 \pmod{20}$  and  $v \in \{22, 142, 162\}$ ;
- e.  $\lambda \equiv 9 \pmod{20}$  and  $v \in \{28, 56\}$ ;
- f.  $\lambda \equiv 13 \pmod{20}$  and  $v = 44$ ;
- g.  $\lambda \equiv 17 \pmod{20}$  and  $v \in \{28, 44\}$ .

Our main objective is to improve Theorem 1.4 and so establish the main result of this article. The result for  $\lambda = 3$  is established in Theorem 2.10 (using Examples 2.8–2.9 and one design in the appendix); the result for  $\lambda = 7$  is established in Theorem 2.12 (using Example 2.11 and one design in the appendix); the result for  $v = 28$  is given by three designs in the appendix; the result for  $v = 44$  is given in Remark 2.7; and the result for  $v = 56$  is given in Corollary 2.5.

**Theorem 1.5** *For  $\lambda > 1$ ,  $C_\lambda(v, 5, 2) = B_\lambda(v, 5, 2)$ , except possibly when:*

- a.  $\lambda = 2$  and  $v \in \{9, 13, 15, 53, 63, 73, 83\}$ ;
- b.  $\lambda \equiv 13 \pmod{20}$  and  $v = 44$ ;
- c.  $\lambda = 17$  and  $v = 44$ .

## 2 Constructions

Some of the terminology we will use is quite standard in design theory; see [7]. For clarification of our notation (specifically how we indicate the standard parameters), we refer to pairwise balanced designs (PBDs), (including BIBDs), as  $(v, K, \lambda)$  designs, where  $K$  is a list of block sizes that possibly occur. A group divisible design is referred to as a  $(K, \lambda)$  GDD of group type  $t_1^{g_1} \dots t_n^{g_n}$  if there are  $g_i$  groups of size  $t_i$  and transversal designs of order  $n$  as  $\text{TD}_\lambda(k, n)$ , dropping the subscript when  $\lambda = 1$ ; note that a  $\text{TD}_\lambda(k, n)$  is a  $(k, \lambda)$  GDD of group type  $n^k$ . The prefix “R” will denote a resolvable design.

**Theorem 2.1 (Hanani [9])** *The necessary conditions for the existence of a  $(v, k, \lambda)$  BIBD are that  $\lambda(v - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{(k - 1)}$ ,  $\lambda v(v - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{k(k - 1)}$  and  $v \geq k$ . These conditions are sufficient when  $k = 5$  with the definite exception of  $(v, k, \lambda) = (15, 5, 2)$ .*

**Theorem 2.2 ([20])** *A 5-GDD of type  $g^u$  exists when  $u \geq 5$  and either:*

- a.  $g \equiv 0 \pmod{20}$ ; or
- b.  $g \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $u \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{5}$ .

**Theorem 2.3 ([2, 6, 8, 17, 19])** *A 5-GDD of type  $g^5 m^1$  exists if  $g \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $m \leq 4g/3$ , with the possible exceptions of  $(g, m) = (12, 4)$  and  $(12, 8)$ .*

Next we have a couple of arithmetic results.

**Lemma 2.4** *If a  $(v, k, \lambda)$  BIBD exists, then  $C_\lambda(v, k, 2) = L_\lambda(v, k, 2)$  and  $L_{\lambda+\mu}(v, k, 2) = L_\lambda(v, k, 2) + L_\mu(v, k, 2)$ .*

**Corollary 2.5**  $C_\lambda(56, 5, 2) = B_\lambda(56, 5, 2)$  for all  $\lambda \geq 1$ .

*Proof:* In [1], it was established that  $C_\lambda(56, 5, 2) = B_\lambda(56, 5, 2)$  for  $\lambda = 1$ , and since a  $(56, 5, 4)$  BIBD exists, the result for  $\lambda = 5$  and 9 then follows by Lemma 2.4. ■

**Remark 2.6** Since a  $(v, 5, 20)$  BIBD exists for all  $v \geq 5$ , if we have  $C_\lambda(v, k, 2) = B_\lambda(v, 5, 2)$  with  $2 \leq \lambda \leq 21$ , then we have  $C_\mu(v, k, 2) = B_\mu(v, 5, 2)$  for all  $\mu \equiv \lambda \pmod{20}$  and  $\mu \geq \lambda$ , by repeatedly adjoining  $(v, 5, 20)$  BIBDs to the minimum  $(v, k, \lambda)$  cover.

**Remark 2.7** One possible construction of a  $t$ - $(v, k, \lambda + \mu)$  covering design is to take a  $t$ - $(v, k, \lambda)$  covering design and adjoin the blocks of a  $t$ - $(v, k, \mu)$  covering design. In particular, if  $C_\alpha(v, k, 2) = L_\alpha(v, k, 2)$  for  $\alpha = \lambda$  and  $\alpha = \mu$ , and  $L_{\lambda+\mu}(v, k, 2) = L_\lambda(v, k, 2) + L_\mu(v, k, 2)$ , then  $C_\alpha(v, k, 2) = L_\alpha(v, k, 2)$  for  $\alpha = \lambda + \mu$ . For the cases we leave open, we have  $L_{\lambda+\mu}(v, 5, 2) = L_\lambda(v, 5, 2) + L_\mu(v, 5, 2)$  for  $(v, \lambda, \mu) = (13 \pmod{20}, 1, 1)$ ,  $(44, 1, 16)$ ,  $(44, 9, 8)$  and  $(44, 13, 4)$ . Theorem 1.1 increases the Schönheim bound when  $(v, \lambda) \equiv (13 \pmod{20}, 1)$  and  $(44, 8)$  where  $\lambda$  is computed modulo 20. We do not know  $C_\lambda(44, 5, 2)$  for  $\lambda = 1$  or  $\lambda \equiv 13 \pmod{20}$ , but we do know  $C_{21}(44, 5, 2) = L_{21}(44, 5, 2)$  and  $C_\lambda(44, 5, 2) = L_\lambda(44, 5, 2)$  for  $\lambda \equiv 16 \pmod{20}$ , so  $C_\lambda(44, 5, 2) = L_\lambda(44, 5, 2)$  for  $\lambda \equiv 17 \pmod{20}$  with  $\lambda \geq 37$ .

We next look at  $\lambda = 3$ .

**Example 2.8** A  $2$ - $(22, 5, 3)$  incomplete covering missing a  $2$ - $(2, 5, 3)$  covering on  $Z_{20} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}$  :

$$\begin{array}{lll} (0, 2, 3, 12, 19), & (0, 1, 6, 8, 12), & (1, 12, 14, 18), \\ (0, 5, 10, 15), & (0, 5, 10, 15). & \end{array}$$

The first three orbits are full, while the last two are of length 5. The last orbit gives a parallel class on the finite points. For the other 5 parallel classes, we note the orbit of the third and fourth blocks is given by adding  $0, 1, \dots, 4$  to the following parallel class:

$$(1, 12, 14, 18), \quad (6, 17, 19, 3), \quad (11, 2, 4, 8), \\ (16, 7, 9, 13), \quad (0, 5, 10, 15).$$

We add infinite points to the parallel classes on the short blocks and obtain our incomplete design. The missing subdesign is on the infinite points.

**Example 2.9** An  $2-(26, 5, 3)$  incomplete cover missing a  $2-(6, 5, 3)$  cover is constructed on  $(\{a, b, c, d\} \times Z_5) \cup \{\infty_i : i = 0, 1, \dots, 5\}$  and is given in three parts.

For the first part, we give a 3-resolvable 4-GDD of type  $2^{10}$ . Each row forms a 3-resolution set when developed over  $Z_5$ . The missing pairs are generated by  $(a_0, b_0)$  and  $(c_0, d_0)$ . This design has an automorphism of order 720, and can be identified with Design 5 in [10] by labelling our points  $a_0, b_0, c_0, d_0$  with their 0, 10, 2, 12, and noting we use their automorphism  $\beta$  to develop the design.

$$(a_0, a_4, c_0, c_3), \quad (b_0, c_2, d_1, d_3), \quad (a_0, b_2, b_3, d_2), \\ (a_0, b_1, b_4, c_2), \quad (b_0, c_0, c_4, d_2), \quad (a_0, a_2, d_0, d_1).$$

For the second part, we considered using Lamken et al.'s  $RC(20, 4)$  [12], but the excess graph of their design is three triangles and two squares, all disjoint, and this has no 1-factor, so we give a  $(20, 4, 1)$  cover which has three 2-resolution sets (generated by the first three pairs of base blocks) and a parallel class generated by the last base block. The repeated pairs are generated by  $(a_0, b_0)$ ,  $(a_0, b_2)$  and  $(c_0, d_0)$ ,  $(c_0, d_2)$ .

$$(a_0, a_1, b_0, b_2), \quad (c_0, c_1, d_0, d_1), \quad (a_0, a_2, c_0, d_3), \\ (b_0, b_1, c_0, d_2), \quad (a_0, b_3, c_1, c_4), \quad (a_0, b_2, d_0, d_2), \\ (a_0, b_0, c_2, d_4).$$

The third part of our design is an  $RTD(4, 5)$  with the groups filled in.

The combined design has 90 4-blocks which can be partitioned into 6 3-resolution sets of 15 blocks, and a parallel class of 4 5-blocks. We add an infinite point to each 3-resolution set for our IC.

We have a  $(6, 5, 3)$  cover with 5 blocks (given by taking a  $(5, 4, 3)$  BIBD, and augmenting each block with an extra point), and adjoining this cover to the IC constructed above gives a  $(26, 5, 3)$  cover.

**Theorem 2.10**  $C_3(v, 5, 2) = B_3(v, 5, 2)$  for all  $v \geq 5$ .

*Proof:* For  $v$  odd, this was given by [4, 14] and, for  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , by [3]. Also, with our constructions for  $v = 18$  and  $v = 26$  in the Appendix and Example 2.9, designs for all  $v < 100$  are known, see [5].

For the values  $v > 100$ , we can use our new designs and the previously known designs to give a more uniform presentation than was possible for Assaf and Singh [5]. For  $v \equiv 2, 6 \pmod{20}$ , with  $v = 20n + e$  and  $e = 2, 6$ , we can take a  $(5, 3)$  GDD of type  $20^n$  and, using  $e$  extra points, fill  $n - 1$  groups with a  $(20 + e, 5, 3)$  incomplete cover missing an  $(e, 5, 3)$  subcover, then fill the final group with a  $(20 + e, 5, 3)$  cover. For  $v \equiv 10 \pmod{20}$ , we follow Assaf and Singh and fill a  $(5, 3)$  GDD of type  $10^{v/10}$ . For  $v \equiv 14, 18 \pmod{20}$ , we can take a  $(5, 3)$  GDD of type  $(20n)^5 u^1$  with  $u < 100$  and  $v \equiv 8, 12 \pmod{20}$  and, using 6 extra points, fill 5 groups with a  $(20n + 6, 5, 3)$  incomplete cover missing a  $(6, 5, 3)$  subcover, then the final group with a  $(u + 6, 5, 3)$  cover. Assaf and Singh [5, Lemma 5.1] note that the incomplete cover exists for  $2 \leq n \leq 4$ , (as well as for 38 and 58 points) and we have shown existence for all the other values (noting our construction above always gives a  $(20n + 6, 5, 3)$  cover with a  $(6, 5, 3)$  subcover). The required GDD is from Theorem 2.3, but this fails to give us constructions for  $134 \leq v \leq 198$ ,  $274 \leq v \leq 298$  and  $394 \leq v \leq 398$ . However, Theorem 2.3 does give us GDDs of types  $32^5 m^1$  and  $52^5 m^1$  for  $m = u$  and  $m = 20 + u$ , which deals with  $174 \leq v \leq 198$  and  $274 \leq v \leq 298$ , and Hanani gives  $(6, 3)$  GDDs of types  $5^7$  and  $5^8$  (see [9, Lemma 4.22]), and we can also get a  $\{5, 6\}$  GDD of type  $5^{17}(10 + u/4)^1$  by removing a parallel class of an  $(85, 5, 1)$  RBIBD and augmenting 12 or 13 other parallel classes with a new point. Truncating one group of the  $(6, 3)$  GDDs to size  $u/4$  and giving all points of these and the augmented RBIBD a weight of 4 in Wilson's fundamental construction gives  $(5, 3)$  GDDs of types  $20^m u^1$  for  $m = 6, 7$ , and of types  $20^{17}(40 + u)^1$ . We can fill all but the exceptional group of these GDDs with an incomplete cover missing a  $(6, 5, 3)$  subcover using 6 extra points, and then fill the final group with a known cover to get our result. ■

**Example 2.11** A  $2$ - $(22, 5, 7)$  incomplete covering missing a  $2$ - $(2, 5, 7)$  covering on  $I_{20} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}$  : First we construct a  $(22, 5, 4)$  PBD missing a  $(2, 5, 4)$  subdesign, by taking a  $(5, 1)$  GDD of type  $4^6$  with 5 groups spanning  $I_{20}$  and the last group on  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$ . Identify the points  $a_i$  with  $\infty_2$ , and form a block on each other group with  $\infty_1$ , then form a  $(21, 5, 3)$  BIBD on  $I_{20} \cup \{\infty_1\}$ . Finally adjoin a  $2$ - $(22, 5, 3)$  incomplete cover missing a  $2$ - $(2, 5, 3)$  subcover given in Example 2.8. (We also remark that a complete  $2$ - $(22, 5, 7)$  cover is given in the appendix.)

**Theorem 2.12**  $C_7(v, 5, 2) = B_7(v, 5, 2)$  for all  $v \geq 5$ .

*Proof:* The only cases we need deal with, by [5, 14], are  $v = 22$  which is solved in the Appendix, and some  $v \equiv 2 \pmod{20}$  with  $v > 100$ , and we can write these as  $v = 20n + 2$  with  $n \geq 5$ , take a GDD of type  $20^n$  and, using 2 extra points, fill  $n - 1$  groups with a  $(22, 5, 7)$  incomplete cover missing an  $(2, 5, 7)$  subcover given in Example 2.11, then fill the final group with a  $(22, 5, 7)$  cover. ■

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## Appendix

The appendix contains the covers for  $(18, 5, 3)$ ,  $(22, 5, 7)$ ,  $(28, 5, 5)$ ,  $(28, 5, 9)$  and  $(28, 5, 17)$ .

Let  $X(v) = \{1, 2, \dots, v\}$ . Let  $X^{(k)}(v)$  be the set of all  $k$ -subsets of  $X(v)$ . We use the following compressed notation. Suppose the  $k$ -subsets of  $X(v)$  are arranged in lexicographical order (for example, let  $v = 4$ ,  $k = 3$ , then the order is 123, 124, 134, 234). We present the blocks of a design by a sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_b$ , such that the  $n$ -th block of the design is the  $(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)$ -th  $k$ -set from the lexicographical arrangement of  $X^{(k)}(v)$ , where  $1 \leq n \leq b$ .

An  $(18, 5, 3)$  cover:

46, 9, 58, 185, 475, 74, 190, 281, 35, 204, 44, 149, 18, 365, 452, 283, 278, 119, 490, 38, 160, 113, 101, 129, 157, 48, 164, 21, 121, 611, 141, 335, 25, 232, 243, 211, 92, 345, 124, 231, 337, 71, 8, 68, 293, 309, 14.

The excess pairs are  $(1, i)$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, 6$  and  $(j, j+6)$  for  $j = 7, 8, \dots, 12$ .

A (22, 5, 7) cover:

512, 39, 82, 103, 21, 71, 94, 189, 186, 132, 176, 9, 121, 27, 38, 36, 383, 38, 2, 260, 74, 37, 109, 65, 212, 24, 204, 170, 158, 185, 430, 198, 248, 797, 126, 52, 239, 63, 139, 113, 18, 200, 107, 370, 93, 47, 96, 84, 241, 251, 60, 314, 151, 41, 32, 596, 63, 220, 152, 108, 365, 7, 72, 62, 74, 138, 137, 586, 17, 164, 8, 329, 165, 466, 573, 16, 164, 284, 54, 351, 144, 6, 514, 63, 84, 48, 280, 71, 43, 208, 185, 256, 529, 268, 176, 158, 60, 41, 335, 231, 1, 269, 48, 164, 36, 168, 54, 229, 63, 297, 8, 275, 150, 382, 195, 146, 23, 167, 7, 109, 111, 135, 221, 98, 178, 51, 2, 70, 193, 142, 67, 78, 345, 312, 25, 180, 48, 15, 109, 32, 179, 78, 91, 210, 63, 151, 279, 153, 58, 242, 194, 154, 153, 301, 236, 319, 172, 92, 282, 132, 36, 64, 250.

The excess pairs are  $(1, i)$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, 6$  and  $(j, j+8)$  for  $j = 7, 8, \dots, 14$ .

A (28, 5, 5) cover:

131, 298, 314, 242, 1307, 99, 380, 470, 296, 523, 100, 843, 404, 262, 339, 1340, 30, 290, 670, 446, 76, 184, 1040, 2450, 170, 222, 363, 616, 353, 438, 736, 381, 931, 162, 465, 483, 44, 1766, 24, 908, 44, 336, 633, 538, 175, 1564, 237, 186, 453, 758, 406, 53, 241, 620, 319, 869, 463, 263, 986, 912, 845, 377, 48, 471, 774, 259, 766, 274, 150, 4, 378, 1382, 479, 1707, 674, 749, 87, 62, 854, 679, 117, 649, 95, 142, 750, 454, 209, 952, 1511, 136, 17, 152, 618, 40, 52, 174, 7, 866, 46, 899, 1328, 529, 2035, 266, 390, 655, 132, 462, 1655, 65, 202, 584, 659, 413, 195, 1596, 153, 600, 667, 214, 109, 302, 342, 314, 726, 702, 719, 660, 417, 157, 945, 1227, 1392, 118, 93, 697, 60, 1003, 3, 106, 199, 951, 839, 216, 96, 247, 267, 1329, 8, 899, 278, 163, 472, 2206, 334, 412, 646, 446, 651, 165, 154, 484, 26, 712, 99, 184, 556, 41, 1372, 276, 163, 427, 346, 160, 609, 976, 73, 293, 301, 1338, 399, 533, 1017, 116, 811, 156, 1367, 865, 178, 409, 302.

The excess pairs are  $(1, i)$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, 6$ ;  $(2, i)$  for  $i = 7, 8, 9, 10$ ;  $(7, i)$  for  $i = 11, 12, 13, 14$ , and  $(j, j + 7)$  for  $j = 15, 16, \dots, 21$ .

A (28, 5, 9) cover:

22, 96, 139, 98, 267, 217, 646, 418, 143, 446, 77, 182, 112, 199, 199, 260, 452, 807, 341, 158, 44, 639, 49, 444, 536, 295, 345, 523, 238, 90, 43, 418, 166, 130, 407, 674, 285, 292, 35, 215, 662, 164, 132, 161, 50, 354, 120, 8, 566, 69, 1203, 310, 386, 22, 120, 422, 809, 40, 157, 128, 73, 315, 504, 33, 102, 507, 266, 296, 1127, 280, 36, 375, 479, 13, 26, 588, 338, 33, 847, 283, 112, 35, 25, 298, 587, 204, 9, 1153, 84, 326, 81, 91, 245, 491, 624, 42, 351, 10, 298, 189, 273, 9, 307, 304, 230, 122, 72, 83, 429, 231, 1282, 35, 42, 677, 651, 116, 86, 21, 496, 439, 50, 705, 184, 496, 208, 650, 29, 320, 114, 38, 365, 544, 368, 71, 131, 84, 227, 131, 353, 68, 111, 260, 382, 24, 104, 181, 194, 379, 366, 251, 110, 1216, 479, 71, 52, 193, 521, 149, 292, 324, 88, 247, 24,

365, 543, 120, 312, 65, 153, 23, 1108, 128, 102, 420, 77, 289, 1213, 74, 33, 823, 261, 147, 13, 558, 90, 183, 301, 224, 55, 136, 413, 238, 118, 29, 710, 208, 433, 675, 330, 44, 168, 338, 245, 237, 516, 62, 251, 1033, 103, 61, 718, 271, 222, 109, 490, 90, 88, 265, 274, 23, 21, 528, 1076, 38, 61, 16, 861, 73, 129, 1071, 253, 216, 376, 304, 346, 135, 25, 145, 982, 229, 462, 40, 548, 192, 114, 493, 134, 147, 401, 48, 1, 68, 576, 290, 269, 244, 52, 256, 113, 718, 275, 691, 165, 358, 438, 215, 302, 10, 569, 8, 259, 280, 446, 147, 210, 329, 155, 65, 762, 115, 8, 236, 245, 5, 606, 301, 309, 215, 246, 596, 657, 102, 163, 35, 1096, 91, 241, 374, 761, 114, 53, 79, 444, 181, 23, 472, 319, 137, 432, 531, 78, 123, 70, 400, 462, 358, 378, 134, 288, 257, 526, 587, 169, 207, 184, 124, 169, 85, 95, 78, 334, 109, 467, 380, 157, 610, 172, 672, 431, 60, 194, 57.  
 The excess pairs are  $(1, 2)$  twice,  $(1, i)$  for  $i = 3, 4, 5$ ,  $(2, i)$  for  $i = 6, 7, 8$ , and  $(j, j + 10)$  for  $j = 9, 10, \dots, 18$ .

A (28,5,17) cover:

184, 271, 469, 69, 77, 90, 67, 17, 31, 368, 73, 3, 262, 149, 227, 202, 10, 275, 22, 13, 114, 5, 93, 111, 189, 248, 45, 350, 44, 291, 8, 101, 132, 305, 210, 37, 354, 35, 57, 290, 84, 366, 245, 64, 19, 101, 74, 158, 351, 155, 16, 292, 213, 7, 98, 101, 273, 48, 303, 63, 17, 28, 251, 326, 47, 94, 65, 112, 515, 118, 51, 253, 67, 400, 141, 265, 127, 500, 100, 39, 237, 126, 182, 57, 72, 68, 45, 59, 154, 451, 8, 91, 182, 114, 192, 34, 61, 88, 34, 67, 60, 60, 29, 259, 17, 589, 224, 502, 45, 10, 167, 383, 203, 19, 37, 188, 254, 88, 20, 55, 102, 354, 172, 64, 335, 16, 214, 218, 136, 113, 62, 116, 345, 121, 352, 123, 88, 2, 151, 129, 70, 261, 10, 20, 93, 244, 62, 52, 460, 313, 67, 33, 186, 100, 230, 164, 122, 337, 114, 18, 190, 63, 177, 26, 72, 82, 247, 331, 78, 65, 18, 259, 17, 320, 379, 80, 34, 175, 12, 122, 63, 62, 174, 600, 325, 215, 162, 2, 51, 417, 87, 232, 166, 398, 64, 259, 102, 120, 51, 173, 427, 155, 50, 37, 130, 10, 186, 147, 46, 106, 330, 73, 39, 282, 142, 16, 137, 40, 9, 190, 657, 248, 57, 201, 104, 48, 295, 164, 146, 88, 79, 380, 563, 106, 49, 52, 36, 306, 280, 14, 204, 335, 174, 113, 239, 115, 206, 59, 372, 2, 92, 243, 127, 70, 159, 35, 177, 3, 342, 264, 2, 85, 342, 197, 194, 124, 210, 154, 325, 117, 195, 46, 95, 34, 304, 13, 25, 236, 116, 16, 285, 28, 204, 19, 37, 59, 263, 48, 8, 104, 439, 6, 59, 373, 6, 296, 92, 111, 137, 69, 132, 59, 354, 95, 81, 192, 159, 41, 112, 66, 272, 375, 97, 38, 160, 357, 203, 219, 60, 65, 94, 182, 270, 484, 39, 3, 306, 335, 88, 70, 2, 224, 61, 25, 43, 15, 177, 231, 67, 124, 121, 66, 94, 189, 265, 593, 1, 178, 60, 93, 111, 288, 67, 42, 4, 180, 126, 205, 3, 225, 171, 63, 467, 35, 501, 43, 143, 148, 39, 341, 272, 7, 24, 151, 114, 128, 203, 84, 53, 101, 39, 88, 333, 197, 283, 68, 396, 4, 57, 119, 43, 105, 342, 29, 36, 4, 425, 160, 251, 38, 510, 35, 364, 164, 156, 253, 186, 92, 91, 41, 60, 137, 9, 303, 297, 148, 84, 2, 93, 22, 1, 98, 48, 330, 75, 590, 300, 414, 27, 120, 44, 63, 225, 17, 240, 29, 37, 264, 455, 101, 174, 315, 260, 68, 25, 201, 247, 17, 104, 45, 310, 28, 249, 4, 341, 71, 67, 454, 111, 90, 22, 31, 15, 231, 13, 43, 279, 304, 28, 214, 106, 25,