## 1116-05-2516 Peter J. Dukes, Alan C.H. Ling and Amanda Malloch\* (anjam@uvic.ca). Thickly-Resolvable Block Designs.

A  $\sigma$ -parallel class in a design with point set V and block set  $\mathcal{B}$  is a set  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  and every point of V belongs to exactly  $\sigma$  of the blocks in  $\mathcal{A}$ . A balanced incomplete block design  $(V, \mathcal{B})$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -resolvable if  $\mathcal{B}$  admits a partition into  $\sigma$ -parallel classes. We show that the divisibility conditions required for the existence of a  $\sigma$ -resolvable BIBD $(v, k, \lambda)$ are in fact sufficient whenever v is large enough. (Received September 22, 2015)