# An Assortment of New Howell Designs 

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#### Abstract

We enumerate the (non-isomorphic) one-factorizations and sets of orthogonal one-factorizations (i.e. Howell designs) for several graphs on 10, 12 and 14 vertices. Among our results are the following. From the twelve 6 -regular graphs on 12 vertices having transitive automorphism groups, we found that there are precisely 24 non-isomorphic $\boldsymbol{H}(6,12)$, and precisely one $H_{3}(6,12)$. From the ten 7regular graphs on 12 vertices having transitive automorphism groups, we found that there are precisely 1393 non-isomorphic $H(7,12)$, and precisely five $H_{3}(7,12)$. We also determined that there are exactly three $H^{*}(7,12)$ designs, and exactly three skew $H(8,10)$ designs. Finally, we found an example of an $H^{+\Delta}(13,14)$, which was the smallest case of an $H^{* *}(2 n-1,2 n)$ which was not previously known to exist.


## 1. Introduction

Let $G r$ be an $r$-regular graph on $n$ vertices. A one-factorization of $G r$ is a partition of the edge-set of $G r$ into $r$ one-factors, each of which contains $n / 2$ edges that partition the vertex set of $G r$. Two one-factorizations $F$ and $G$ of $G r$ are orthogonal if any two edges of the graph which belong to the same one-factor of $G$ belong to different one-factors of $F$ (and vice-versa).

A Howell Design $H(s, t)$ is a square array of side $s$ having the following properties:
(1) each cell of the array is either empty or contains a two-subset of a $t$-set,
(2) each element of the $t$-set occurs in exactly one cell of each row and each column, and
(3) any two-subset occurs in at most one cell of the array.

It is easy to see that two orthogonal one-factorizations of $G r$, an $r$-regular graph on $n$ vertices, give rise to an $H(r, n)$; and, conversely, the existence of an $H(r, n)$ implies the existence of a pair of orthogonal one-factorizations of some $\boldsymbol{r}$-regular graph on $\boldsymbol{n}$ vertices, $G r$, which we call the underlying graph of the Howell Design.

This idea generalizes to higher dimensions, as well. We can define an idimensional Howell design $H_{i}(r, n)$ to be an $i$-dimensional array which satisfies property (1), such that each two-dimensional projection is an $H(r, n)$. We refer to an $H_{3}(r, n)$ as a Howell cube. An $H_{i}(r, n)$ is equivalent to $i$ mutually orthogonal one-factorizations of the underlying graph.

Howell designs were introduced in [9] and have been extensively studied since then. The existence of Howell designs has been completely determined in [1] and [17]. Note that a trivial necessary condition for the existence of an $H(r, n)$ is that $r+1 \leq n \leq 2 r$.

Theorem 1.1. Let $r$ and $n$ be positive integers, where $n$ is even, and $r+1 \leq$ $n \leq 2 r$. Then there exists an $H(r, n)$ if and only if $(r, n) \neq(2,4),(3,4),(5,6)$, or $(5,8)$.

On the other hand, if we ask which graphs are the underlying graphs of Howell designs, then not very much is known. We summarize a few of the known results. Denote NOF $(G r)=$ the number of non-isomorphic one-factorizations of a graph $G r$, and $N H_{i}(G r)=$ the number of non-isomorphic $H_{i}(r, n)$ with underlying graph $G r$. Also, let $n(G r)$ denote the largest number of mutually orthogonal one-factorizations of $G r$ (i.e. $n(G r)=\max \left\{i: N H_{i}(G r)>0\right\}$ ).

First, we observe that the cases where $G r$ is a complete bipartite graph $K_{m, m}$ have been extensively studied in the guise of orthogonal Latin squares. Hence, we have $n\left(K_{m, m}\right) \geq 2$ if and only if $m \neq 2$ or 6 (see [5]). The cases where $G r$ is a complete graph ( $K_{m}$, with $m$ even) correspond to Room designs, or equivalently, orthogonal symmetric Latin squares. Hence, for example, $n\left(K_{m}\right) \geq 3$ if and only if $m \geq 7$ is odd (see [6]). Other bounds are given in [7]. Also, we note that the underlying graph of an $H(m, m+2)$ ( $m$ even) is $K_{m+2}-f$, where $f$ is a one-factor. Thus, we have $n\left(K_{m+2}-f\right) \geq 2$ for all even $m \geq 4$. Very few other general results are known.

Even less is known concerning upper bounds for $n(G r)$. It is not difficult to see that, for any $r$-regular graph on $n$ vertices, $n(G r) \leq r-1$. This bound can be attained with equality in the case of graphs $K_{m, m}$ when $m$ is a prime power. However, it seems unlikely that this bound can be met with equality for $r$-regular graphs where $r>n / 2$. There is a conjectured bound, namely $n(G r) \leq(n-2) / 2$. Note that this conjectured bound is stronger if $r>n / 2$, (if $r<n / 2$, then $n(G r) \leq 1$, anyway). The two bounds agree if $r=n / 2$. This conjectured bound has been verified for $n \leq 10$ (see [13], [2], and [16]). Also, we note that there are infinitely many such graphs where $n(G r)=(n-2) / 2$ (see [16]).

The non-isomorphic one-factorizations and (i-dimensional) Howell designs have been enumerated (for all $i$ ) for all graphs on at most 10 vertices (see [13], [2], and [16]). It is not feasible to continue this enumeration to all graphs $G r$ on 12 vertices, for two reasons. If $G r$ is $r$-regular with $r$ close to 12 , the numbers $\boldsymbol{N}_{i}(G r)$ will be astronomical, and present techniques would not yield any results in a reasonable amount of time. If $G r$ is 6 - or 7 -regular, we can determine the numbers $N_{i}(G r)$; the problem here is that there are too many graphs to test them all. In the remaining sections, we discuss the enumeration of one-factorizations and Howell designs for several interesting graphs on 12 and 14 vertices.

## 2. 6-regular graphs on 12 vertices

The case of 6 -regular graphs on 12 vertices is particularly interesting, due to the non-existence of a pair of orthogonal Latin squares of order 6 (i.e. $n\left(K_{6,6}\right)=1$ ). In [9], Hung and Mendelsohn presented the first example of an $H(6,12)$. More recently, Brickell found a Howell cube $H_{3}(6,12)$ for which the underlying graph is the icosahedron with antipodal points joined (see [4]). It is also worth mentioning that the automorphism group of this cube is the same as the automorphism group of the icosahedron (this group is isomorphic to $Z_{2} \times A_{5}$ ).

In the hope of finding further examples, we investigated the 6 -regular graphs on 12 vertices having a transitive automorphism group. There are precisely 12 such graphs (see [3]); we present a listing of the edges of the complements of these graphs in Table 1. From these 12 graphs, we found that there are precisely 24 non-isomorphic $H(6,12)$, and precisely one $H_{3}(6,12)$ (the Brickell cube). There are no examples of an $H_{4}(6,12)$ in this class of graphs. A summary of our results is given in Table 2.

## 3. 7-regular graphs on 12 vertices

As in Section 2, we looked at the graphs having transitive automorphism groups. For 7 -regular graphs on 12 vertices, there are 10 such graphs ( [3]). We list the edges in the complements of these graphs in Table 3. From these 10 graphs, we found many more Howell designs: 1393 non-isomorphic $H(7,12)$, and five non-isomorphic $H_{3}(7,12)$. The enumeration is summarized in Table 4. An example of an $H_{3}(7,12)$ was not previously known; we present one of the five in Table 5 (the underlying graph is graph \#1 in Table 3).

We also investigated two other 7 -regular graphs on 12 vertices, namely, the graphs which correspond to the so-called *-designs. An $H^{*}(r, n)$ can be defined as an $H(r, n)$ whose underlying graph has an independent set of $n-r$ vertices (which is the maximum possible size). For $r=7, n=12$, such a graph has the form $K_{5}^{c}+Q$, where $Q$ is either a 7-cycle or the disjoint union of a 3-cycle and a 4 -cycle ( ${ }^{\text {c }}$ denotes complement and + denotes join). In the first case, there are no $H^{*}(7,12)$; in the second case, there are three non-isomorphic $H^{*}(7,12)$, which are presented in Table 6. These are thus the smallest examples of $H^{*}(n, 2 n-2)$ for $n$ odd, since there are no Howell designs $H(3,4)$ or $H(5,8)$ (previously, the smallest example in this class was an $H^{*}(13,24)$, constructed in [15]).

## 4. $H^{* *}(13,14)$

Another special class of Howell designs are called ${ }^{* *}$-designs. An $H^{* *}(r, n)$ is defined to be an $H(r, n)$ which satisfies the following two properties:
(1) there exists an $(r-n / 2) \times(r-n / 2)$ subarray of the Howell design which consists of empty cells,
(2) there exists a one-factor of the underlying graph which forms a transversal of the $n / 2$ rows and columns which do not meet the empty subarray of (1).
These may seem somewhat unusual properties to ask for, but it turns out that there is a powerful recursive construction for **-designs, which was instrumental in the proof of Theorem 1.1 (see [17]).

There has recently been some interest in $H^{* *}(2 m-1,2 m)$ (i.e. Room squares which are ${ }^{* *}$-designs). Note that we can define an $H^{* *}(2 m-1,2 m)$ by requiring only that property (1) holds; property (2) then follows as a consequence. Such a design has several equivalent formulations, which are described in [18]: one of these is a partitioned balanced tournament design $\operatorname{PBTD}(n)$, and another is a pair of almost disjoint $H(m, 2 m)$. We elaborate on the second formulation. Two $H(m, 2 m)$, say $D_{1}$ and $D_{2}$ (on the same symbol set), having underlying graphs $G_{1}$ and $G_{2}$, respectively, are said to be almost disjoint if the following properties hold:
(1) $G_{1} \cap G_{2}=f$, where $f$ is a one-factor,
(2) $G_{1} \cup G_{2}-f=K_{2 m}$, the complete graph on $2 m$ vertices,
(3) the edges of $f$ occur in a row (or column) of $D_{1}$, and in a row (or column) of $D_{2}$.
$H^{* *}(2 m-1,2 m)$ do not exist for $m=2,3$, or 4 (see [18]). For $m \geq 5$, such a design is known to exist for all but a few values of $m$ ( [11], and private communication from S . Vanstone and E . Lamken). The smallest unknown case was $m=7$. We were able to construct two non-isomorphic examples of $H^{* *}(13,14)$, which we present in Table 7 as sets of almost disjoint $H(7,14)$.

These were found as follows. The $H(7,14)$ labelled $D_{1}$ was constructed by E. Lamken (private communication). Call the underlying graph $G_{1}$, and let $f$ denote the one-factor occurring in the last column of $D_{1}$. First, we enumerated all one-factorizations of the graph $G_{2}=\left(K_{14}-G_{1}\right) \cup f$ which contained $f$ as a one-factor. There were precisely 5272 non-isomorphic one-factorizations $F$ of this type. For each such $F$, we determined all possible one-factorizations $G$ of $G_{2}$ orthogonal to $F$, such that $G$ also contained $f$ as a one-factor. For only two of these 5272 one-factorizations $F$ could we find such a $G$ orthogonal to $F$. These are exhibited in Table 7.

## 5. Skew $H(8,10)$ designs

The last types of Howell designs we investigated are complementary and skew $H(r, r+2)$. These special types of Howell designs are introduced in [10]. Several constructions are given, and it is shown that a pair of complementary $H(r, r+2)$ exist for all even $r \geq 4$. Much less is known regarding skew $H(r, r+2)$. In [10], a skew $H(4,6)$, is constructed, and it is reported that there does not exist a skew $H(6,8)$. The first unsettled case was that of a skew
$H(8,10)$. We have done an enumeration of skew $H(8,10)$, and we found that there are exactly three non-isomorphic examples.

We define a skew $H(r, r+2)$ (of course, $r$ must be even). An $H(r, r+2$ ), say $H$, is said to be skew if there exist two symbols $a, b$ where $\{a, b\}$ is not an edge of the underlying graph, such that the following properties are satisfied:
(1) Denote the $n$ cells of $H$ which contain a by $T_{a}$, and denote the $n$ cells of $H$ which contain b by $T_{b}$. Then $T_{\Delta} \cup T_{b}$ consists of the $r$ cells on the diagonal of $H$ (say $D$ ), and $r$ other cells which form a transversal of cells (say $D^{\prime}$ ) of $H$, such that $D^{\prime}$ is symmetric with respect to $D$ (i.e. a cell $(i, j) \in D^{\prime}$ if and only if cell $\left.(j, i) \in D^{\prime}\right)$.
(2) Given any cell $(i, j) \notin D \cup D^{\prime}$, precisely one of cell $(i, j)$ and cell $(j, i)$ is empty.
In [16], the authors enumerated all non-isomorphic $H(8,10)$; there are 18220 such Howell designs. It was therefore a straightforward test to see which of these designs could be written down in such a way that it forms a skew $H(8,10)$. This was done as follows. For any given $H(8,10)$, there are five possibilities for the pair $\{a, b\}$. For each possibility, the cells in $T_{a} \cup T_{b}$ form four 4 -cycles (no matter how the Howell design is written down). For each 4-cycle, there are essentially two inequivalent ways of permuting the rows/ columns containing the 4 -cycle. There are thus only $2^{5}=32$ row $/$ column permutations that must be considered (for each possible $\{a, b\}$ ).

As a result of these tests, we found precisely three non-isomorphic skew $H(8,10)$, which we record in Table 8.

Table 1. 5-regular graphs on 12 vertices having transitive automorphism groups

## Graph No. Edges

$1 \quad 1-2,3,4,5,6 ; 2-3,4,5,6 ; 3-4,7,8 ; 4-7,8 ; 5-6,9,10 ; 6-9,10 ;$ $7-8,11,12 ; 8-11,12 ; 9-10,11,12 ; 10-11,12 ; 11-12$. $1-2,3,4,5,6 ; 2-3,4,7,8 ; 3-4,9,10 ; 4-11,12 ; 5-6,7,9,11 ; 6-8,10,12$; $7-8,9,11 ; 8-10,12 ; 9-10,11 ; 10-12 ; 11-12$. $1-2,3,4,5,6 ; 2-3,4,7,8 ; 3-4,9,10 ; 4-11,12 ; 5-7,8,9,11$; 6-7, 8, 10, 12; 7-9, 11; 8-10, 12; 9-11, 12; 10-11, 12. $1-2,3,4,5,6 ; 2-3,4,7,8 ; 3-4,9,10 ; 4-11,12 ; 5-7,8,9,11$; $6-7,9,10,12 ; 7-10,12 ; 8-9,11,12 ; 9-11 ; 10-11,12$.
$51-2,3,4,5,6 ; 2-3,4,7,8 ; 3-5,7,9 ; 4-5,7,10 ; 5-7,11 ; 6-8,9,10,11$; 7-12; 8-9, 10, 12; 9-11, 12; 10-11, 12; 11-12. 7-12; 8-9,11, 12; 9-10, 11; 10-11, 12; 11-12.
$7 \quad 1-2,3,4,5,6 ; 2-3,4,7,8 ; 3-5,7,9 ; 4-6,8,10 ; 5-6,9,11 ; 6-10,11$; $7-8,9,12 ; 8-10,12 ; 9-11,12 ; 10-11,12 ; 11-12$.
8 $1-2,3,4,5,6 ; 2-3,4,7,8 ; 3-5,9,10 ; 4-7,9,10 ; 5-9,11,12$; $6-8,9,11,12 ; 7-10,11,12 ; 8-10,11,12 ; 9-11 ; 10-12$.
$9 \quad 1-2,3,4,5,6 ; 2-3,4,7,8 ; 3-5,9,10 ; 4-7,11,12 ; 5-9,11,12$; $6-8,10,11,12 ; 7-9,10,11 ; 8-9,10,12 ; 9-12 ; 10-11$.

10 $1-2,3,4,5,6 ; 2-3,7,8,9 ; 3-10,11,12 ; 4-5,7,8,10 ; 5-9,11,12$; 6-7, 8, 11, 12; 7-9, 11; 8-10, 12; 9-10, 12; 10-11.
$11 \quad 1-2,3,4,5,6 ; 2-3,7,8,9 ; 3-10,11,12 ; 4-7,8,9,10 ; 5-7,8,10,11$; 6-7, 10, 11, 12; 7-12; 8-11, 12; 9-10, 11, 12.
12 $1-2,3,4,5,6 ; 2-7,8,9,10 ; 3-7,8,9,11 ; 4-7,8,10,11 ; 5-7,9,10,11 ;$
$6-8,9,10,11 ; 7-12 ; 8-12 ; 9-12 ; 10-12 ; 11-12$.

Table 2. Howell designs from 6-regular graphs on 12 vertices having transitive automorphism groups.

| Graph No. | $\|\mathrm{Aut}(\mathrm{Gr})\|$ | $\mathrm{DPM}(\mathrm{Gr})$ | $\mathrm{NOF}(\mathrm{Gr})$ | $\mathrm{NH}(\mathrm{Gr})$ | $\mathrm{NH}_{3}(\mathrm{Gr})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 768 | 368 | 190 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 144 | 348 | 469 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | 48 | 344 | 1248 | 8 | 0 |
| 4 | 24 | 342 | 2018 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 96 | 392 | 1451 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | 12 | 386 | 6932 | 1 | 0 |
| 7 | 120 | 368 | 733 | 4 | 1 |
| 8 | 12 | 354 | 4976 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | 24 | 344 | 2216 | 5 | 0 |
| 10 | 48 | 344 | 1021 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | 24 | 336 | 1983 | 3 | 0 |
| 12 | 1440 | 376 | 132 | 0 | 0 |

Notation: $\operatorname{DPM}(\mathrm{Gr})$ denotes the number of distinct one-factors of Gr.

Table 3. 4-regular graphs on 12 vertices having transitive automorphism groups

## Graph No. Edges

1 $1-2,3,4,5 ; 2-3,4,6 ; 3-4,7 ; 4-8 ; 5-6,9,10 ; 6-9,10 ; 7-8,11,12 ; 8-11$, 12; 9-10, 11; 10-12; 11-12.

2 $1-2,3,4,5 ; 2-3,4,6 ; 3-5,7 ; 4-6,8 ; 5-7,9 ; 6-8,10 ; 7-9,11 ; 8-10,12$; 9-11, 12; 10-11, 12; 11-12.
$3 \quad 1-2,3,4,5 ; 2-3,6,7 ; 3-8,9 ; 4-5,6,10 ; 5-8,11 ; 6-7,10 ; 7-9,12$; 8-9, 11; 9-12; 10-11, 12; 11-12.
4 $1-2,3,4,5 ; 2-3,6,7 ; 3-8,9 ; 4-6,8,10 ; 5-7,9,10 ; 6-8,11 ; 7-9,11$; 8-12; 9-12; 10-11, 12; 11-12.
$51-2,3,4,5 ; 2-3,6,7 ; 3-8,9 ; 4-6,8,10 ; 5-7,9,11 ; 6-8,11 ; 7-9,12$; 8-12;9-10;10-11, 12; 11-12.
$6 \quad 1-2,3,4,5 ; 2-3,6,7 ; 3-8,9 ; 4-6,10,11 ; 5-8,10,12 ; 6-11,12$; 7-9, 10, 12; 8-11, 12; 9-10, 11.
$7 \quad 1-2,3,4,5 ; 2-6,7,8 ; 3-6,7,8 ; 4-6,9,10 ; 5-6,9,10 ; 7-11,12 ; 8-11,12$; 9-11, 12; 10-11, 12.
8 $1-2,3,4,5 ; 2-6,7,8 ; 3-6,7,9 ; 4-6,7,10 ; 5-8,9,10 ; 6-11 ; 7-12$; 8-11, 12; 9-11, 12; 10-11, 12.

9 $8-11,12 ; 9-11,12 ; 10-11,12$.
10 $1-2,3,4,5 ; 2-6,7,8 ; 3-6,9,10 ; 4-7,9,11 ; 5-8,10,12 ; 6-11,12$; 7-10, 12; 8-9, 11; 9-12; 10-11.

Table 4. Howell designs from 7-regular graphs on 12 vertices having transitive automorphism groups.

| Graph No. | $\|\operatorname{Aut}(\mathrm{Gr})\|$ | $\mathrm{DPM}(\mathrm{Gr})$ | $\mathrm{NOF}(\mathrm{Gr})$ | $\mathrm{NH}(\mathrm{Gr})$ | $\mathrm{NH}_{3}(\mathrm{Gr})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 48 | 825 | 127222 | 84 | 1 |
| 2 | 24 | 837 | 270875 | 235 | 3 |
| 3 | 48 | 827 | 130176 | 103 | 0 |
| 4 | 48 | 824 | 130141 | 166 | 0 |
| 5 | 24 | 821 | 245138 | 189 | 0 |
| 6 | 24 | 808 | 218138 | 130 | 0 |
| 7 | 768 | 827 | 9145 | 47 | 0 |
| 8 | 144 | 820 | 43060 | 72 | 1 |
| 9 | 24 | 818 | 237042 | 264 | 0 |
| 10 | 48 | 804 | 110656 | 103 | 0 |

Table 5. A Howell cube $\mathrm{H}_{3}(7,12)$.

| 1 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 9 |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 5 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 12 |  |  | 4 | 10 |
| 6 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 |  |  | 7 | 11 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 12 |
| 10 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 5 |  |  | 4 | 6 | 3 | 11 |
|  |  | 8 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 7 |
| 4 | 9 |  |  | 11 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| 3 | 7 | 4 | 12 |  |  | 6 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 |  |  | 6 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 12 |
| 8 | 12 | 1 | 3 |  |  | 6 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 11 |
| 3 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 8 |  |  |
| 7 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 1 | 5 |  |  | 3 | 11 | 4 | 6 |
| 4 | 11 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 6 |  |  | 3 | 9 |
| 5 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 8 |  |  | 11 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 10 |
|  |  | 6 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 8 |


| 1 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 12 |  |  | 3 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 11 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 7 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 12 |  |  |
|  |  | 2 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 5 | 10 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | 11 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 5 |  |  | 2 | 9 | 7 | 12 |
| 8 | 12 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 6 |  |  | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | 10 | 5 | 12 |  |  | 2 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 6 |
| 5 | 6 |  |  | 2 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 8 |

Table 6. Three Howell designs $\mathrm{H}^{*}(7,12)$.

| 1 | 2 | 7 | 11 |  |  | 6 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 5 | 9 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 7 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 11 |  |  |
| 8 | 9 |  |  | 1 | 4 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| 4 | 11 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 1 | 5 |  |  | 9 | 10 | 3 | 7 |
|  |  | 5 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 11 |
| 5 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 3 |  |  | 8 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 12 |
| 3 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 12 |  |  | 1 | 8 |


| 1 | 2 |  |  | 6 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 7 | 11 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  | 1 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 5 |
| 5 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 2 | 8 |  |  | 3 | 6 |
| 3 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 |  |  | 4 | 11 | 9 | 10 |
| 7 | 10 | 5 | 11 |  |  | 8 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 12 |
| 4 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 7 |  |  |
| 6 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 12 |  |  | 3 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 8 |


| 1 | 2 |  |  | 8 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 11 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  | 1 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 2 | 5 |
| 6 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 3 | 5 |  |  |
| 3 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 5 |  |  | 2 | 4 | 9 | 10 |
| 7 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 6 |  |  | 4 | 12 |
| 5 | 12 | 4 | 9 |  |  | 10 | 11 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 6 |
| 4 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 10 |  |  | 3 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 1 | 8 |

## Table 7. Two sets of almost disjoint Howell designs H(7, 14)

Set 1: $\left\{D_{1}, D_{2}\right\}$.
$D_{1}$

| a | 3 | $\mathbf{a}$ | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{a}$ | 2 | a | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | a | 5 | $\mathbf{a}$ | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | a | 6 | a | 6 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 6 | $a$ | 1 | $a$ | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 1 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 | $a$ | 4 | $a$ | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | $a$ | $a$ |

$\mathrm{D}_{2}$

| $\mathbf{a}$ | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 5 | $a$ | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | $a$ | 3 | 6 | 1 | $a$ | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| 3 | 6 | 6 | 5 | $a$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | $a$ | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| 6 | 3 | $a$ | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | $a$ | 5 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| a | 5 | a | 2 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | -6 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | $a$ | 6 | $a$ | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | $a$ | $a$ |

Set 2: $\left\{D_{1}, D_{3}\right\}$.
$D_{3}$

| a | 4 | a | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | a | 6 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 | a | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | $a$ | 6 | a | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| 3 | 4 | a | 5 | 6 | 5 | a | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| a | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 2 | a | 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 5 | 6 | 1 | 3 | a | 3 | 6 | 4 | a | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | $a$ | $a$ |

Table 8. Three skew $\mathrm{H}(8,10)$ designs.

$$
a=5, b=6
$$

| 6 | 10 |  |  | 1 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 8 |  |  | 3 | 7 |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 8 | 9 | 2 | 5 |  |  | 7 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1 | 7 | 4 | 6 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 8 |
| 1 | 5 |  |  | 2 | 7 | 6 | 8 |  |  | 3 | 9 | 4 | 10 |  |  |
|  |  | 6 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 4 |
| 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 10 |
|  |  | 4 | 8 | 3 | 5 |  |  | 1 | 10 |  |  | 2 | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| 4 | 7 | 3 | 10 |  |  | 2 | 9 |  |  | 5 | 8 |  |  | 1 | 6 |

$$
a=5, b=6
$$

| 2 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 8 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 9 |  |  | 3 | 5 |  |  | 2 | 8 | 1 | 10 |  |  | 6 | 7 |

$$
\begin{array}{llllllllll}
7 & 10 & 2 & 5 & 8 & 9 & 3 & 6 & 1 & 4
\end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrr}
1 & 7 & 4 & 6 & 5 & 8 & 2 & 10 & 3 & 9 \\
8 & 10 & 5 & 7 & 6 & 9 & & & 2 & 4
\end{array}
$$

$$
\left.\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrr}
1 & 5 & 7 & 9 & 4 & 10 & & & 2 & 3 & 6 & 8 \\
& 4 & 8 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 9 & & & 3 & 7 & 5
\end{array}\right)
$$

$$
a=7, b=8
$$

| 8 | 10 |  |  | 6 | 9 |  |  | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 4 | 9 | 2 | 7 |  |  | 1 | 6 |  |  | 5 | 10 |  |  | 3 | 8 |
|  |  | 1 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 10 |  |  | 6 | 7 | 4 | 5 |  |  |
| 2 | 5 |  |  |  |  | 4 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 8 |  |  |
| 1 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 10 |  |  | 8 | 9 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 6 |
|  |  |  |  | 3 | 7 |  |  | 4 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 9 |
|  |  | 6 | 10 |  |  | 5 | 8 | 2 | 3 |  |  | 7 | 9 | 1 | 4 |
| 3 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 | 10 |

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