Abstract

Quasi-symmetric 2-(28, 12, 11) designs with an automorphism of order 5

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A t- (v, k, λ) design is quasi-symmetric if any two blocks intersect in either x or y points, for non-negative integers x < y. The first known quasi-symmetric 2-(28, 12, 11) designs with intersection numbers x = 4 and y = 6 were constructed as derived designs of the symplectic symmetric 2-(64, 28, 12) design [3]. There are four non-isomorphic SDP designs (designs with the symmetric difference property) with parameters 2-(64, 28, 12). Derived designs any of them are quasi-symmetric 2-(64, 28, 12) designs [2]. In [1], designs with these parameters were classified with an automorphism of order 7 without fixed points and blocks; there are exactly 246 such designs. Furthermore, in [4] the number of quasi-symmetric 2-(28, 12, 11) designs was increased to 58 891.

Using a method based on tactical decompositions, we classified quasisymmetric 2-(28, 12, 11) designs with an automorphism of order 5. Up to isomorphism, there are exactly 31 696 such designs.

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