

# Signed Group Orthogonal Designs And Their Applications

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- J. Seberry obtained the first asymptotic existence result for Hadamard matrices, namely, for any odd integer  $q > 3$ , there is a Hadamard matrix of order  $2^n q$  for every

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The maximum number of variables in ODs of orders  $12 = 2^2 \cdot 3$  and  $32 = 2^5 \cdot 1$  are 4 and 10, respectively.

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- The set of all monomial  $\{0, \pm 1\}$ -matrices of order  $n$ , denoted  $SP_n$ , forms a group of order  $2^n n!$ .

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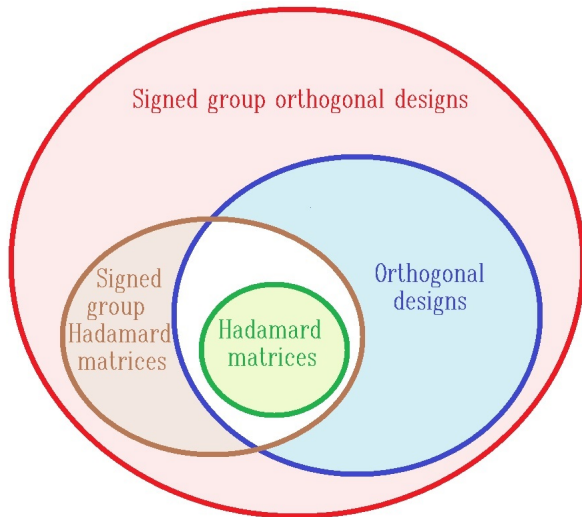
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It can be verified that  $\pi$  is a remrep of degree 2, and so by the previous theorem, there exists an  $OD(2n; 2u_1, \dots, 2u_k)$ .

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We call  $A$  is *quasisymmetric*, if

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$$SOD(4u; 4u_1, 4u_2, \dots, 4u_k)$$

for some signed group  $S$  that admits a remrep of degree  $2^n$ , where depending on the sequences used to create this SOD,

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