

# A Census of 2-(9,3,3) Designs

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## Abstract

There are 22521 nonisomorphic 2-(9,3,3) designs of which 9218 are decomposable and 395 resolvable. Computational methods used to find and analyse these designs are discussed. All cubic multigraphs on 8 vertices are displayed and their role in the generation process is outlined. Statistics are presented concerning neighborhood graphs, multiple blocks, parallel classes, subdesigns, group orders and fragments. It is verified that all 2-(9,3,3) designs are 2- and 3-resolvable and that 3 of them have mutually orthogonal resolutions. Two families of designs together with some of their properties are listed.

## 1. Introduction.

A  $2-(v,k,\lambda)$  design is a pair  $(V, B)$  where  $V$  is a  $v$ -set of *elements*, and  $B$  is a set of  $k$ -subsets of  $V$  called *blocks* such that every 2-subset of  $V$  is contained in exactly  $\lambda$  blocks. A design is called *simple* if it does not contain repeated blocks. A central problem in design theory concerns the enumeration of all nonisomorphic solutions for a given set of parameters. Catalogues of designs are important for the study of various properties and for the formulation and verification of conjectures. The enumeration of  $2-(9,3,3)$  designs is of particular interest for several reasons. To establish the fine structure of 3-fold triple systems it is essential to know the spectrum of repeated blocks for systems of small orders as ingredients for recursive constructions [2].  $2-(9,3,3)$  designs are also important for the study of decomposability and  $\alpha$ -resolvability of triple systems [1,4,11]. There have been several attempts to enumerate all simple  $2-(9,3,3)$  designs. The first search has been carried out in 1980 by Harnau [7] who found 329 nonisomorphic designs. In 1985 Ivanov [8] obtained 330 solutions using a different computer algorithm. The final count has been settled in 1987 by Harms, Colbourn and Ivanov [6] who established that there are 332 nonisomorphic designs without repeated blocks.

In this paper we are interested in a complete enumeration of  $2-(9,3,3)$  designs when repeated blocks are permitted. The paper is organized as follows. In the next section we describe our generation procedure. As in [6] neighborhood graphs are employed for a partial rejection of isomorphic solutions. In Section 3 we highlight computational results and display statistics concerning multiple blocks, neighborhood graphs, parallel classes, subdesigns and fragments. The last section is concerned with decomposability and  $\alpha$ -resolvability. In addition to various statistics we exhibit some interesting designs related to generalized Room squares. In the Appendices we display all cubic multigraphs on 8 vertices and list the homogeneous and resolvable indecomposable designs.

## 2. Method of generation

From now on we will assume that a  $2-(9,3,3)$  design  $(V, B)$  has blocks  $B = \{B_0, B_1, \dots, B_{35}\}$  on the 9-element set  $V = \{0, 1, \dots, 8\}$ . Clearly, there are 36 blocks of size 3, each element appears in exactly 12 blocks and each 2-subset of  $V$  appears in exactly 3 blocks. The set of blocks containing a given element  $x \in V$  will be denoted by  $B(x)$ . A *neighborhood graph*  $G(x)$  on an element  $x$  is the graph  $(X, E)$  with vertices  $X = V \setminus \{x\}$  and edges  $E = \{(y, z) \mid (x, y, z) \in B(x)\}$ . In a  $2-(9,3,3)$  design each  $G(x)$  is a cubic multigraph on 8 vertices. There are exactly 32 such cubic multigraphs which are

displayed in Appendix I. They have been found by a simple exhaustive backtrack search with isomorph rejection. For each graph we have determined a set of invariants, listed in Table 1, which can be used for easy identification. The column headed  $|G|$  contains the order of the automorphism group while columns headed Mt, Md, T, and Q contain the number of triple edges, double edges, triangles and quadrangles, respectively. Neighborhood graphs serve as a powerful design invariant and will be used to help with isomorph rejection.

Table 1. Invariants of cubic multigraphs on 8 vertices

| No. | $ G $ | Mt | Md | T | Q | No. | $ G $ | Mt | Md | T | Q |
|-----|-------|----|----|---|---|-----|-------|----|----|---|---|
| 0   | 384   | 4  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 16  | 4     | 0  | 2  | 2 | 1 |
| 1   | 32    | 2  | 2  | 0 | 1 | 17  | 4     | 0  | 2  | 2 | 0 |
| 2   | 192   | 2  | 0  | 4 | 0 | 18  | 2     | 0  | 2  | 1 | 0 |
| 3   | 12    | 1  | 3  | 0 | 0 | 19  | 4     | 0  | 2  | 0 | 3 |
| 4   | 16    | 1  | 2  | 2 | 0 | 20  | 4     | 0  | 2  | 0 | 1 |
| 5   | 8     | 1  | 2  | 0 | 2 | 21  | 8     | 0  | 1  | 3 | 2 |
| 6   | 8     | 1  | 1  | 2 | 0 | 22  | 4     | 0  | 1  | 2 | 1 |
| 7   | 12    | 1  | 0  | 2 | 3 | 23  | 2     | 0  | 1  | 2 | 1 |
| 8   | 24    | 1  | 0  | 0 | 9 | 24  | 2     | 0  | 1  | 1 | 2 |
| 9   | 32    | 0  | 4  | 0 | 2 | 25  | 8     | 0  | 1  | 0 | 5 |
| 10  | 8     | 0  | 4  | 0 | 0 | 26  | 1152  | 0  | 0  | 8 | 0 |
| 11  | 8     | 0  | 3  | 2 | 0 | 27  | 16    | 0  | 0  | 4 | 0 |
| 12  | 4     | 0  | 3  | 1 | 0 | 28  | 4     | 0  | 0  | 2 | 2 |
| 13  | 2     | 0  | 3  | 0 | 1 | 29  | 12    | 0  | 0  | 1 | 2 |
| 14  | 12    | 0  | 3  | 0 | 0 | 30  | 48    | 0  | 0  | 0 | 6 |
| 15  | 96    | 0  | 2  | 4 | 1 | 31  | 16    | 0  | 0  | 0 | 4 |

We are now in a position to describe our algorithm for generating 2-(9,3,3) designs. To facilitate the search we use two multisets  $S$  and  $P$  for the available elements and pairs, respectively. Initially,  $S$  contains 12 copies of each element and  $P$  3 copies of each pair. In the first step of the algorithm we input 12 blocks corresponding to  $B(0)$  with a specified neighborhood graph  $G(0)$ . Each of the 32 nonisomorphic graphs is considered in turn, starting from type 0 and ending with type 31. The remaining 24 blocks are found recursively as follows. On the  $i$ -th level we use available elements  $x, y, z \in S$ ,  $x < y < z$ , and  $(x, y), (x, z), (y, z) \in P$  to form a candidate block. The candidates are generated in increasing lexicographical order. Whenever an element in  $S$  is completely exhausted we compare the type of its neighborhood graph to that of  $G(0)$ . If it is smaller than  $G(0)$  we turn to the next candidate otherwise set  $B_1 = (x, y, z)$ , update  $S$  and  $P$  and recurse to level  $i+1$ . In case there are no candidates left on the  $i$ -th level, we backtrack

to the next candidate on level  $i-1$ , after recovering  $S$  and  $P$ . When a block  $B_{35}$  on level 35 is accepted, the set  $B$  of all blocks forms a  $2-(9,3,3)$  design. At this point we carry out a partial rejection of isomorphic solutions. For this we use the vector of neighborhood graph types  $\mathbf{g} = (|G(0)|, |G(1)|, \dots, |G(8)|)$ , where  $|G(x)|$  denotes the type of  $G(x)$ . For every automorphism  $\pi$  of  $G(0)$  we permute the elements in  $B$  and calculate  $\pi\mathbf{g}$ . A new design is rejected if  $\pi\mathbf{g}$  is lexicographically smaller than  $\mathbf{g}$ , otherwise it is accepted. For a given input graph  $G(0)$  the search terminates if all candidates on level 12 are exhausted.

To compute automorphism groups and canonical orderings we have employed the program *nauty* of Brendan McKay [10]. From the 34460 designs generated by our algorithm we obtained exactly 22521 nonisomorphic solutions. To check the correctness of our algorithm we have relabeled the types of input neighborhood graphs and repeated the search. This yielded a different set of designs but the same canonical solutions as before. In addition, we have generated the decomposable  $2-(9,3,3)$  designs directly by concatenating the unique  $2-(9,3,1)$  affine plane to each of the 36  $2-(9,3,2)$  designs from [9,11] in all 840 possible ways. After rejecting isomorphic solutions we ended up with the same 9218 decomposable designs. As a final check we have compared the 332 simple designs extracted from our set with those listed in [6]. Again there was a perfect match.

We end this section with a few comments concerning the way our designs are presented and stored. The blocks of any  $2-(9,3,\lambda)$  design are contained in the set of all 3-subsets of our 9-set  $V$ . By using a character to encode each of the 84 3-subsets we can represent a  $2-(9,3,3)$  design compactly as a string of 36 characters. Together with each design we store its graph vector  $\mathbf{g}$ , automorphism group order, number of distinct fragments, parallel classes and affine planes as well as information about decomposability and resolvability, requiring another 15 characters. The design elements are permuted so that the corresponding graph vectors have components arranged in nondecreasing order. Finally, we sort the designs lexicographically by their vectors and blocks. A simple program can use this list to extract designs with any desired properties and calculate various statistics.

### 3. Results and analysis

Since it is technically impossible to list all 22521 nonisomorphic designs we will compile statistics concerning designs with specific properties. We start with the spectrum of repeated blocks. Table 2 displays the number of designs with a given number of double blocks (first column) and triple blocks (first row). There are no

designs with 5,7,8,9,10 and 11 blocks repeated three times. The (0,0)-entry is 332 and corresponds to the number of simple designs; the sum of all entries in the table is 22521. Next we study the distribution of neighborhood graphs in the set of all designs.

Table 2. Frequency of double and triple blocks

| $\downarrow 2/3 \rightarrow$ | 0    | 1   | 2  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 12 |
|------------------------------|------|-----|----|---|---|---|---|----|
| 0                            | 332  | 26  | 1  | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1  |
| 1                            | 1319 | 71  | 5  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| 2                            | 2774 | 186 | 6  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| 3                            | 4021 | 263 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| 4                            | 4299 | 344 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| 5                            | 3649 | 335 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| 6                            | 2485 | 246 | 19 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0  |
| 7                            | 1253 | 143 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| 8                            | 440  | 51  | 8  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| 9                            | 113  | 20  | 3  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| 10                           | 19   | 2   | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| 11                           | 2    | 1   | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| 12                           | 2    | 0   | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |

Table 3. Frequency of neighborhood graphs

| No. | Nd   | Ng    | No. | Nd    | Ng    |
|-----|------|-------|-----|-------|-------|
| 0   | 8    | 16    | 16  | 7545  | 9017  |
| 1   | 87   | 99    | 17  | 7433  | 8867  |
| 2   | 27   | 29    | 18  | 13068 | 20596 |
| 3   | 544  | 675   | 19  | 7445  | 9358  |
| 4   | 555  | 632   | 20  | 4776  | 5396  |
| 5   | 995  | 1304  | 21  | 5864  | 6452  |
| 6   | 1219 | 1795  | 22  | 10067 | 13199 |
| 7   | 784  | 997   | 23  | 10787 | 14561 |
| 8   | 178  | 205   | 24  | 16782 | 30615 |
| 9   | 327  | 341   | 25  | 6471  | 7653  |
| 10  | 1918 | 2197  | 26  | 48    | 48    |
| 11  | 2760 | 3076  | 27  | 4231  | 4584  |
| 12  | 5221 | 6526  | 28  | 12761 | 22504 |
| 13  | 8761 | 13014 | 29  | 6432  | 8081  |
| 14  | 2164 | 2393  | 30  | 1846  | 1990  |
| 15  | 220  | 223   | 31  | 5274  | 6246  |

In Table 3 the column headed Nd displays the number of designs which contain a graph of type No. and column Ng contains the total number of times a graph of type No. occurs in the set of all designs. Hence, the Nd-columns sum to 22521 and the Ng-columns sum to 8 times more. As we can see from the table, graph No.0 occurs least and graph No.24 most frequently.

A design is called *homogeneous* if all its neighborhood graphs are of the same type and *heterogeneous* if no two graphs are of the same type. Among the 22521 designs 14 are homogeneous and 726 heterogeneous.

Table 4. Frequencies of graph vectors, distinct parallel classes and affine planes, and group orders.

| N  | Nv    | Np   | Na    | Ngp   | N  | Nv | Np*  | Na | Ngp* |
|----|-------|------|-------|-------|----|----|------|----|------|
| 0  | 0     | 0    | 13303 | 0     | 14 | 2  | 2757 | 0  | 0    |
| 1  | 14859 | 1    | 8077  | 21534 | 15 | 0  | 2416 | 0  | 0    |
| 2  | 2049  | 1    | 759   | 792   | 16 | 1  | 1904 | 0  | 2    |
| 3  | 487   | 6    | 354   | 83    | 17 | 1  | 1355 | 0  | 0    |
| 4  | 208   | 25   | 23    | 39    | 18 | 0  | 996  | 0  | 4    |
| 5  | 97    | 57   | 0     | 0     | 19 | 0  | 530  | 0  | 0    |
| 6  | 38    | 187  | 4     | 41    | 20 | 0  | 377  | 0  | 0    |
| 7  | 31    | 344  | 0     | 0     | 21 | 0  | 143  | 0  | 0    |
| 8  | 12    | 671  | 0     | 4     | 22 | 1  | 84   | 0  | 0    |
| 9  | 7     | 1060 | 0     | 3     | 23 | 0  | 24   | 0  | 0    |
| 10 | 4     | 1742 | 0     | 0     | 24 | 0  | 19   | 0  | 5    |
| 11 | 2     | 2283 | 0     | 0     | 25 | 0  | 2    | 0  | 0    |
| 12 | 3     | 2792 | 1     | 7     | 26 | 0  | 2    | 0  | 0    |
| 13 | 0     | 2740 | 0     | 0     | 27 | 0  | 1    | 0  | 0    |

Table 5. Spectrum of distinct fragments

|     | 0   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 10  | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| 20  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 1   |
| 30  | 0   | 2   | 0   | 1   | 3   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 3   |
| 40  | 5   | 5   | 4   | 5   | 5   | 3   | 5   | 7   | 13  | 13  |
| 50  | 10  | 19  | 12  | 11  | 18  | 30  | 27  | 38  | 28  | 47  |
| 60  | 38  | 58  | 74  | 78  | 74  | 84  | 75  | 113 | 157 | 148 |
| 70  | 156 | 147 | 151 | 197 | 222 | 212 | 270 | 261 | 283 | 314 |
| 80  | 317 | 289 | 366 | 354 | 367 | 381 | 428 | 439 | 426 | 445 |
| 90  | 454 | 418 | 459 | 461 | 470 | 479 | 479 | 435 | 469 | 439 |
| 100 | 471 | 481 | 450 | 475 | 435 | 405 | 393 | 453 | 426 | 424 |
| 110 | 347 | 323 | 346 | 313 | 339 | 377 | 326 | 312 | 271 | 207 |
| 120 | 229 | 230 | 235 | 193 | 182 | 164 | 197 | 179 | 162 | 161 |
| 130 | 147 | 97  | 97  | 77  | 97  | 92  | 84  | 51  | 51  | 43  |
| 140 | 63  | 41  | 57  | 31  | 37  | 29  | 24  | 15  | 11  | 13  |
| 150 | 13  | 11  | 4   | 2   | 3   | 0   | 5   | 1   | 4   | 2   |
| 160 | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| 170 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |

The homogeneous designs are listed in Appendix II (see end of Section 4 for an explanation of the first line of each design). Table 4 gives statistics for graph vectors,

parallel classes, affine planes and group orders. Its columns have the following meaning:  $N_v$  graph vectors occur  $N$  times,  $N_p$  designs contain  $N$  distinct parallel classes,  $N_a$  designs contain  $N$  distinct affine planes (i.e. 2-(9,3,1) subdesigns) and  $N_{gp}$  designs have an automorphism group of order  $N$ . It is obvious that the sum of the  $N_v$ -column entries taken with multiplicity  $N$ , and the sums of each remaining column again equal to 22521, except for a few entries which did not fit into the table (\*). These are: one design with 30 and one with 37 parallel classes and one design with each of the group orders 32, 36, 48, 54, 108, 432 and 1296.

A *fragment* (or a Pasch configuration) in a triple system 2-( $v,3,\lambda$ ) is a set of four blocks of the form  $\{(a,c,d), (a,e,f), (b,c,e), (b,d,f)\}$ . Fragments play an important role as design invariants and can be used to transform one design into another [3]. In Table 5 we display the number of designs containing a given number of distinct fragments which is specified in the first row (units) and first column (tens). For example, there are 354 designs containing 83 fragments.

Finally, we assess the strength of some invariants considered in this section to distinguish nonisomorphic designs. The *efficiency* of an invariant on a set  $D$  of nonisomorphic designs is the ratio of the number of values it takes on  $D$  to the cardinality of  $D$ . Table 6 displays the efficiency of four combinations of invariants.

Table 6. Efficiency of selected invariants

| V     | VMGDR | VF    | VMGDRF |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 17802 | 20875 | 21531 | 22190  |
| 0.790 | 0.927 | 0.956 | 0.985  |

The letters V, M, G, D, R, and F stand for graph vector, block multiplicities, group order, decomposability, resolvability and the number of distinct fragments, respectively. The first row displays the number of designs with different invariants, the second row contains the corresponding efficiencies. As we can see from the table, graph vectors in conjunction with fragment numbers are capable of distinguishing over 95% of nonisomorphic designs.

#### 4. Decomposability and resolvability

A 2-( $v,k,\lambda$ ) design  $(V,B)$  is said to be *decomposable* if there is a proper subset  $B'$  of  $B$  for which  $(V,B')$  is a 2-( $v,k,\lambda'$ ) subdesign. A design with no such subset is called *indecomposable*. It is easy to see that the complementary blocks  $B \setminus B'$  form a 2-( $v,k,\lambda - \lambda'$ )

$\lambda'$ ) subdesign. Of interest are also partitions of a  $2-(v,k,\lambda)$  design into  $n$  indecomposable  $2-(v,k,\lambda_i)$  designs with  $\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n = \lambda$  (see [1]). The  $2-(9,3,\lambda)$  family of designs begins with a unique design with  $\lambda=1$  which has the structure of an affine plane (of order 3). Of the 36 designs with  $\lambda=2$ , 9 are decomposable into 2 disjoint affine planes. For  $\lambda=3$  the situation is a little more complicated. Any decomposable design  $D$  contains at least one affine plane.  $D$  can be one of 3 types depending on the structure of the  $2-(9,3,2)$  subdesign complementary to an affine plane.  $D$  is of type 1 or 2 if the complement to every affine subplane is indecomposable or decomposable, respectively;  $D$  is of type 3 if it contains both subplanes with decomposable and indecomposable complements. In the set of 22521 designs with  $\lambda=3$  there are 9218 decomposable ones. These are partitioned into 8854 designs of type 1, 347 of type 2 and 17 of type 3.

A subset  $C$  of blocks in a  $2-(v,k,\lambda)$  design  $(V,B)$  is called an  $\alpha$ -class if each element of  $V$  occurs in exactly  $\alpha$  blocks. A design is  $\alpha$ -resolvable if its blocks can be partitioned into  $\alpha$ -classes [4]. For  $\alpha=1$  we have the usual notion of resolvability into parallel classes. Two  $\alpha$ -resolutions of  $(V,B)$  are said to be *orthogonal* if any  $\alpha$ -class of one of them has at most one block in common with any  $\alpha$ -class of the other. A design is called  $m$ -tuply  $\alpha$ -resolvable if it has  $m$  mutually orthogonal  $\alpha$ -resolutions. There are 395 resolvable designs of which exactly 3 contain orthogonal resolutions. We display these 3 designs (No. 0, 1809, 22197) and their orthogonal resolutions by listing each block together with a tuple from 12 letters signifying the parallel classes it belongs to in various resolutions. The  $i$ -th coordinate of each tuple corresponds to the  $i$ -th resolution.

|        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 012aaa | 012bbb | 012ccc | 034ddd | 034eee | 034fff | 056ggg | 056hhh | 056iii |
| 078jjj | 078kkk | 078lll | 135jlk | 135kjl | 135lkj | 147gin | 147hgi | 147ihg |
| 168dfe | 168edf | 168fed | 238ghi | 238hig | 238igh | 246jkl | 246klj | 246ljk |
| 257def | 257efd | 257fde | 367acb | 367bac | 367cba | 458abc | 458bca | 458cab |

|        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 012aaa | 012bbb | 012ccc | 034ddd | 035eee | 038fff | 046ggg | 047hhh | 056iii |
| 057jjj | 068kkk | 078lll | 134lkj | 135klg | 138jih | 146fel | 147efi | 156dhf |
| 157gdk | 168hjd | 178ige | 234ijk | 235hgl | 238ghi | 246jle | 247kif | 256lfh |
| 257fkd | 268edj | 278deg | 367acb | 367bac | 367cba | 458abc | 458bca | 458cab |

|       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 012aa | 013bb | 014cc | 023dd | 024ee | 034ff | 056gg | 057hh | 058ii |
| 067jj | 068kk | 078ll | 125jk | 126ih | 135lj | 137gi | 145kl | 148hg |
| 167fe | 168df | 178ed | 236hl | 237kg | 246li | 248gj | 257cf | 258fb |
| 278bc | 347ik | 348jh | 356ec | 358ae | 368ca | 456bd | 457da | 467ab |

A probabilistic approach based on simulated annealing has been suggested by Gordon Royle to verify that every  $2-(9,3,3)$  design is both 2- and 3-resolvable. His algorithm starts with an arbitrary partition of blocks into 6 (or 4) equal sets and swaps



blocks from different subsets to minimize the number of conflicts via simulated annealing. The final partition is in most cases a 2-resolution (or 3-resolution). Processing all 22521 designs took less than an hour of CPU time on a SUN SPARCstation. From the 3 designs which are multiply resolvable only 2 (No. 1809, 22197) are doubly 2-resolvable. We display them as squares in which the rows correspond to one 2-resolution and columns to another.

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 012 458 367 246 138 057 | 012 467 248 137 358 056 |
| 367 012 458 035 247 168 | 236 013 278 456 057 148 |
| 458 367 012 178 056 234 | 368 347 014 058 126 257 |
| 034 156 278 068 235 147 | 457 125 067 023 348 168 |
| 157 238 046 134 078 256 | 145 068 356 178 024 237 |
| 268 047 135 257 146 038 | 078 258 135 246 167 034 |

It would be interesting to know whether there exist 3 mutually orthogonal 2-resolutions. This would be a maximal set since there are no mutually orthogonal Latin squares of order 6. We note that for obvious reasons there are no orthogonal 3-resolutions of a 2-(9,3,3) design.

Finally, a summary is given in Table 7 of results concerning 2-(9,3, $\lambda$ ) designs for  $\lambda=1,2,3$ . The columns headed M, N, S, D and R contain the numbers of distinct, nonisomorphic, simple, decomposable and resolvable designs, respectively.

Table 7. The family of 2-(9,3, $\lambda$ ) designs

| $\lambda$ | M             | N     | S   | D    | R   |
|-----------|---------------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| 1         | 840           | 1     | 1   | 0    | 1   |
| 2         | 4 409 916     | 36    | 13  | 9    | 9   |
| 3         | 7 974 771 700 | 22521 | 332 | 9218 | 395 |

In Appendix III we present a list of all resolvable indecomposable 2-(9,3,3) designs. The first line gives the design No., vector of graph types, group order, number of distinct fragments, triple blocks, double blocks, number of distinct affine planes with decomposable complements, with indecomposable complements, number of distinct parallel classes and an indicator of resolvability.

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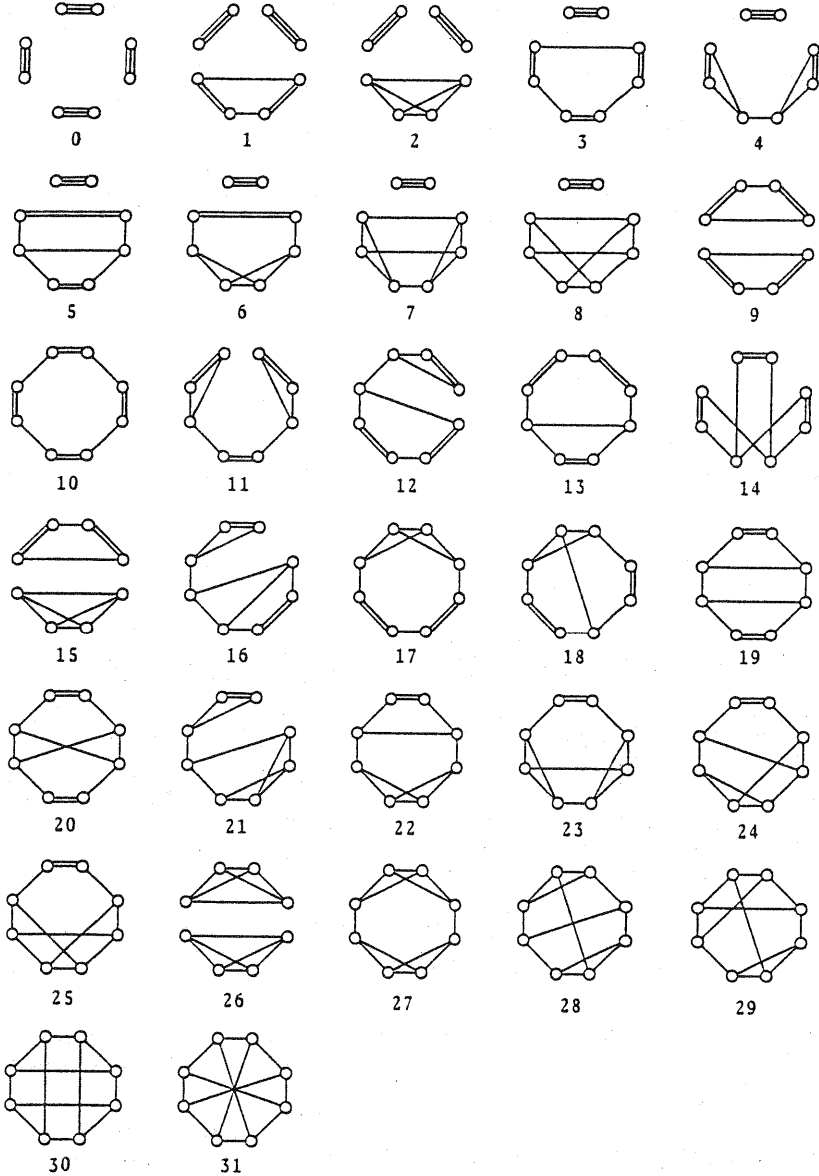
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# Appendices

## I. Cubic multigraphs of order 8



## II. Homogeneous (9,3,3) designs (14)

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### III. Indecomposable resolvable (9,3,3) designs (22)

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