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1 Introduction

The general question which gave rise to the present paper is the question of isomorphism of weighing matrices. Theoretically it is enough to check \((n!)^2\)
cases to find if two \( n \times n \) given incidence matrices are permutation equivalent. In practice it is not feasible in any interesting case, even despite the fact that the number of comparisons can be reduced to \( n! \) as was shown by M. Newman [6]. The Smith normal form may be used for a negative answer: if two incidence matrices have different Smith normal forms then they are not permutation equivalent. It is thus interesting to learn more about the Smith normal form for weighing matrices. First we introduce some notation and summarize results on the Smith normal form and weighing matrices. Let \( R_n \) be the ring of \( n \times n \) matrices with entries from \( \mathbb{Z} \), the ring of integers. The unit (or unimodular) elements of \( R_n \) are those with determinant \( \pm 1 \).

**Definition 1** The matrices \( A, B \) of \( R_n \) are equivalent (or \( \mathbb{Z} \)-equivalent, written \( B \sim A \)) if \( B = PAQ \) for some unimodular matrices \( P, Q \) of \( R_n \).

The following theorem is due to Smith [9] and has been reworded from the theorems and proofs in MacDuffee [4, p41] and Marcus and Minc [5, p. 44].

**Theorem 1** If \( A = (a_{ij}) \) is any integer (or with elements from any Euclidean domain) matrix of order \( n \) and rank \( r \), then there is a unique integer (or with elements from any Euclidean domain) matrix

\[
D = \text{diag}(a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_r, 0, \cdots, 0),
\]

such that \( A \sim D \) and \( a_i | a_{i+1} \) where the \( a_i \) are non-negative. The greatest common divisor of the \( i \times i \) subdeterminants of \( A \) is

\[
a_1a_2 \cdots a_i.
\]

If \( A \sim E \) where

\[
E = \text{diag}(a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_i) \oplus F
\]

then \( a_{i+1} \) is the greatest common divisor of the non-zero elements of \( F \). \( \Box \)

**Definition 2** The \( a_i \) of theorem 1 are called the invariants of \( A \) and the diagonal matrix \( D \) is called the Smith normal form (SNF).

In this paper we will study the Smith normal forms of weighing matrices.

An orthogonal design \( A \), of order \( n \), and type \( (s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_u) \), denoted \( OD(n; s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_u) \) on the commuting variables \( (\pm x_1, \pm x_2, \ldots, \pm x_u, 0) \) is a square matrix of order \( n \) with entries \( \pm x_k \) where each \( x_k \) occurs \( s_k \) times in each row and column such that the distinct rows are pairwise orthogonal. In other words

\[
AA^T = (s_1x_1^2 + \cdots + s_u x_u^2)I_n
\]
where $I_n$ is the identity matrix. It is known that the maximum number of variables in an orthogonal design is $\rho(n)$, the Radon number, where for $n = 2^s b$, $b$ odd, set $a = 4c + d$, $0 \leq d < 4$, then $\rho(n) = 8c + 2^d$.

A weighing matrix $W = W(n, k)$ is a square matrix with entries $0, \pm 1$ having $k$ non-zero entries per row and column and inner product of distinct rows zero. Hence $W$ satisfies $WW^T = kI_n$, and $W$ is equivalent to an orthogonal design $OD(n; k)$. The number $k$ is called the weight of $W$.

2 SNF via Kronecker Products

Lemma 1 Suppose the SNF of a matrix $A = W(n, k)$ is $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_n)$ where $\lambda_i \mid \lambda_{i+1}$. Then the SNF of one $W(mn, kl)$ is derived from

(i) where $l = m = 2$ and $W(2n, 2k) = \begin{pmatrix} A & A \\ A & -A \end{pmatrix}$,

$S = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_n, 2\lambda_1, 2\lambda_2, \ldots, 2\lambda_n)$;

(ii) where $l = 3$, $m = 4$ and

$W(4n, 3l) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A & A & A \\ A & 0 & A & -A \\ A & -A & 0 & A \\ A & A & -A & 0 \end{pmatrix}$,

$S = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_n, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_n, 3\lambda_1, \ldots, 3\lambda_n, 3\lambda_1, \ldots, 3\lambda_n)$;

(iii) where $l = 4$, $m = 4$ and


$S = (\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n, 2\lambda_1, \ldots, 2\lambda_n, 2\lambda_1, \ldots, 2\lambda_n, 4\lambda_1, \ldots, 4\lambda_n)$,

by using the operations

(a) order the elements of $S$ in ascending order and write as $(\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_s)$;

(b) if $\mu_i \mid \mu_{i+1}$, $g \mid \mu_i$ and $g \mid \mu_{i+1}$, $g \neq 1$, replace $\mu_i$ and $\mu_{i+1}$ by $\mu_i/g$ and $g\mu_{i+1}$. Repeat steps (a) and (b) until the $\mu_i$ are in ascending order and $\mu_i \mid \mu_{i+1}$ for each $i = 1, \ldots, s - 1.$

Example 1 $SNF(W(6, 4)) = (1^2 2^2 4^2)$, so there are $W(12, 8)$ and $W(24, 16)$ with SNFs $(1^2 2^4 4^4 8^2)$ and $(1^2 2^6 4^8 8^6 16^2)$ respectively however the SNF of the $W(24, 12)$ obtained this way will be $(1^4 2^8 6^8 12^4)$. 59
Remark 1 The previous Lemma can be written more generally to encompass the SNF of the Kronecker product of any two matrices. We are concerned only with small weighing matrices.

3 The Algorithm

We used a slight variation on the usual norm algorithm which permitted both the number of digits in numbers being handled to be kept close to the number in the determinant and usually far less whilst being about \(O(n^3)\) in time.

1. Find if \(\pm 1\) occurs. If so permute rows and columns until it exists in the \((1,1)\) position.

2. Use elementary row operations to ensure the first column becomes zeros except for the \((1,1)\) element. Now use elementary column operations to zero the other entries of the first row.

3. Rename the \(i+1\)st row as the first row. Find the \(\gcd\) \(d\) of the elements of the present \((n-i) \times (n-i)\) matrix, \(A\). Replace all elements \(a_{jk}\) of the matrix by \(a_{jk}/d\). Note \(d\) divides this invariant, \(A_{i+1}\), and all subsequent invariants.

4. If \(\pm 1\), the \(\gcd\) of the elements of \(A\), does not appear in \(A\), use elementary row/column operations to make it appear.

5. If \(i < n\) go to 1.

4 Numerical Results for SNF of \(W(n, 9)\)

We note that the negacyclic \(W(20, 9)\) with first row

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}{-100-00000} \end{array}
\]

has SNF, \(1^63^89^6\).

We use the sequences \(\{x_1, x_2, -x_3, 0\}, \{x_1, -x_2, 0, x_4\}, \{x_1, 0, x_3, -x_4\},\)
\(\{x_2, x_3, x_4, 0\}\), which have zero non-periodic autocorrelation function, as the first rows of the corresponding circulant matrices in the Goethals-Seidel array to obtain an \(OD(16; 3, 3, 3, 3)\). With the variables chosen as \(x_1 = x_3 = x_4 = 1, x_2 = 0\), and as \(x_1 = 0, x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 1\) we obtain \(W(16, 9)\) with SNF, \(1^63^49^6\).

Using these two results, those from Chan, Rodger and Seberry [1, Appendix A] and Geramita and Seberry [3] we have the results in Table 1.
Table 1: SNF for small $W(n, 9)$

By processing Ohmori's [7, p. 76] results through our computer program (after correcting a few typographical errors) we found that:

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<th>$(g)$</th>
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<td>9</td>
<td>$\geq 2$</td>
<td>$1^63^29^6$</td>
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<td>$1^73^19^7$</td>
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<td>$1^89^8$</td>
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Table 2: SNF for $W(13, 9)$

Hence there exist $W(13, 9)$ with SNF $1^{1(13-b)}3^6g^{1(13-b)}$ for $b = 1, 3, 5$ and 7.

We now consider how to combine known results to make larger results. By MacDuffee [4] and Marcus and Minc [5] we know that if the SNF of $A$ is $1^a k^b (lk)^a$ and the SNF of $B$ is $1^x b^b (lk)^a$ then the SNF of $A \oplus B$ is $1^{a+\alpha} k^b (lk)^a$.

**Example 2** The SNF, $A_b = W(12, 9)$ is $1^{a}3^{b}9^{a}$ for $b = 0, 2, 4$. Hence all the combinations, $A_b \oplus A_b$, $b_1, b_2 = 0, 2, 4$ give $W(24, 9)$ with SNF $1^x 3^y 9^z$ for $x = 0, 2, 4, 6, 8$. Indeed we can ensure that there is a $W(12s, 9)$ with SNF, $1^{6s-t}3^2g^{6s-t}$, for every $2t = 0, 2, \ldots, 4s$. This shows $W(60, 9)$ exist with the required SNF for every $2t = 0, 2, \ldots, 20$. However this is not the best possible.
Notation 1 We say $W(n, 9)$ has a full spectrum for $n$ if the class of $W(n, 9)$, for a given $n$ contains a member with $SNF 1^{1/3(n-s)}2^{2g(n-s)}$, where for

(i) $n \equiv 0(\text{mod} 4)$, $s$ takes the values $s = 0, 2, 4, \ldots, \sigma$;
(ii) $n \equiv 2(\text{mod} 4)$, $s$ takes the values $s = 2, 4, 6, \ldots, \sigma$;
(iii) $n \equiv 1, 3(\text{mod} 4)$, $s$ takes the values $s = 1, 3, 5, \ldots, \sigma$.

Definition 3 (Full Spectrum). We will say there exists a full spectrum for a $W(n, 9)$ if there exists a $W(n, 9)$ with canonical form where $s$ takes continuous values (depending on the convergence class mod 4 of $n$) up to the maximum value $\sigma$ (depends on the convergence class mod 16 of $n$).

Lemma 2 If there exists a full spectrum canonical form $W(n, 9)$, $A$, and a full spectrum canonical $W(m, 9)$, $B$, then $A \oplus B$ is a full spectrum canonical $W(m + n, 9)$ when

(a) $n \equiv 0(\text{mod} 4)$ and $m$ is any value;
(b) except for $s = 0$ when $n \equiv 2(\text{mod} 4)$ and $m \equiv 0(\text{mod} 4)$;
(c) except for $s = 1$ when $n \equiv 2(\text{mod} 4)$ and $m \equiv 1, 3(\text{mod} 4)$;
(d) except for $s = 0, 2$ when $n \equiv 2(\text{mod} 4)$ and $m \equiv 0(\text{mod} 4)$;
(e) except for $s = 0, 2, 4, \ldots$ when $n \equiv 0(\text{mod} 4)$ and $m \equiv 3(\text{mod} 4)$.

In general if the upper bounds for the spectrum of $A$ and $B$ are $a, b$ respectively the upper bound for $A \oplus B$ will be $a + b$. \hfill $\square$

Theorem 2 (Full Spectrum Theorem). We suppose there exist $W(16, 9)$ with canonical $SNF$ for $s = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$. Then

Case I: There exist $W(16k, 9)$, $W(16k + 4, 9)$, $W(16k + 8, 9)$, $W(16k + 12, 9)$ with canonical forms $s = 0, 2, \ldots, \sigma$ where $\sigma = 8k, 8k - 4, 8k - 8, 8k + 4$ respectively. The case for $W(20, 9)$ is not yet resolved.

Case II: There exist $W(16k + 1, 9)$, $W(16k + 5, 9)$, $W(16k + 9, 9)$, $W(16k + 13, 9)$ with canonical forms $s = 1, 3, \ldots, \sigma$ where $\sigma = 8k - 5, 8k - 1, 8k + 3$ and $8k + 7$ respectively. The cases for $W(17, 9)$ and $W(21, 9)$ are not yet resolved. $W(13, 9)$ exists with canonical forms $s = 1, 3, 5, 7$.

Case III: There exist $W(16k - 5, 9)$, $W(16k - 1, 9)$, $W(16k + 3, 9)$, $W(16k + 7, 9)$ with canonical forms $s = 1, 3, \ldots, \sigma$ where $\sigma = 8k - 7, 8k - 7, 8k + 3$ and $8k + 3$ respectively. The cases for $W(15, 9)$, $W(19, 9)$ and $W(23, 9)$ have not yet been resolved. A $W(11, 9)$ does not exist.
Case IV: There exist $W(16k - 6, 9)$, $W(16k - 2, 9)$, $W(16k + 2, 9)$, and $W(16k + 6, 9)$ with canonical forms for $s = 2, 4, 6, \ldots, \sigma$ where $\sigma = 8k - 2, 8k - 6, 8k - 2$ and $8k + 2$ respectively. $W(10, 9)$ is an exception, and the cases $W(4n + 2, 9)$, $n = 3, 4, 5, 8$ are unresolved.

Proof. Case I: We first note from Chan, Rodger and Seberry [1] as noted in our Table 1 that a $W(12, 9)$ with canonical SNF for $s = 0, 2, 4$ exists. We now use Lemma 2 to establish the following results

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We use the theorem is true for $k = 2$. We assume it is true for $k = m$ so that there are weighing matrices with orders $16m$, $16m + 4$, $16m + 8$ and $16m + 12$ with canonical SNF's for $s = 0, 2, \ldots, 8m$, $s = 0, 2, \ldots, 8m - 4$, $s = 0, 2, \ldots, 8m$ and $s = 0, 2, \ldots, 8m + 4$ respectively. We use Lemma 2 and $\oplus W(16, 9)$ to obtain the orders $16(m + 1)$, $16(m + 1) + 4$, $16(m + 1) + 8$ and $16(m + 1) + 12$ with the required canonical SNF's respectively.

Thus the result is true for $k = 2$ and assuming it is true for $k = m$ allows us to prove the result for $k = m + 1$ and thus we have the result by induction.

Case II: As in Case I we first establish some cases. We first use

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We observe the results for $W_{33}, W_{37}, W_{41}, W_{45}$ fit the enunciation for $k = 2$ and that adding $\oplus W_{16}$ to each of these gives the enunciation for $k = 3$. The proof is obtained by induction.

**Case III:** As in Cases I and II we first establish some results. We first use

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As before, we observe the results for $W_{27}, W_{31}, W_{35}$ and $W_{39}$ are sufficient with $W_{16}$ to start the induction process.

**Case IV:** Again we establish some initial cases

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<td>2,4,...,18</td>
<td>$W_{25} \oplus W_{13}$</td>
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<td>$W_{30} \oplus W_{16}$</td>
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As before the values for $W_{42}, W_{46}, W_{50}$ and $W_{54}$ together with $W_{16}$ are sufficient to establish the induction for the results of the enunciation.

**Remark 2** Although the cases for $W(20,9)$ is not yet resolved matrices are known with SNF, $1^{10}g^{10}$ and $1^{8}8^{9}$. We conjecture that a $W(20,9)$ with SNF, $1^{8}8^{9}g$ exists and order 20 also satisfies the theorem.

**Remark 3** The results of Table 1 for all values except 13 and 16 remain undecided as does the situation in orders 21, 22 and 34. For all the other
orders (provided all cases for 16 exist) are resolved with a full spectrum of
SNF's showing the number of equivalences class approaches ∞ as the order
approaches ∞.

**Remark 4** This theorem ensures there is a $W(60,9)$ with canonical SNF
for $s = 0, \ldots, 14$, considerably improving our previous estimate of $s = 0, \ldots, 10$.

## 5 SNF and Projective Planes

In Seberry Wallis [10, p. 411] we note the following theorem:

**Theorem 3** The incidence matrix of a $(v, k, \lambda)$-configuration is equivalent
to a diagonal matrix with entries

$$
\begin{cases}
1 & \frac{v+1}{2} \text{ times}, \\
(k - \lambda) & \frac{v-k}{2} \text{ times}, \\
k(k - \lambda) & \text{once},
\end{cases}
$$

when $k - \lambda$ is squarefree and $(k - \lambda, k) = 1$. \hfill \square

We apply this theorem to $SBIBD(q^2 + q + 1, q + 1, 1)$. These always
exist when $q$ is a prime power.

**Lemma 3** The incidence matrix of a $SBIBD(q^2 + q + 1, q + 1, 1)$ is equiv­
elent to a diagonal matrix with entries

$$
\begin{cases}
1 & \frac{1}{2}(q^2 + q + 2) \text{ times}, \\
q & \frac{1}{2}(q^2 + q - 2) \text{ times}, \\
q(q+1) & \text{once},
\end{cases}
$$

when $q$ is squarefree. \hfill \square

We found the following results using cyclic difference sets, $D$, from Ryser
[8, p. 132].

<table>
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<tr>
<th>$q$</th>
<th>$SBIBD$</th>
<th>$D$</th>
<th>$\text{SNF}$</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>(7,3,1)</td>
<td>${0,1,3}$</td>
<td>$1^42^26$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>(13,4,1)</td>
<td>${0,1,3,9}$</td>
<td>$1^73^512$</td>
</tr>
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<td>5</td>
<td>(31,6,1)</td>
<td>${0,1,3,8,12,18}$</td>
<td>$1^36^52^{10}30$</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>(57,8,1)</td>
<td>${0,1,3,13,32,36,43,52}$</td>
<td>$1^92^{27}756$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$4 = 2^2$</td>
<td>(21,5,1)</td>
<td>${0,1,4,14,16}$</td>
<td>$1^{10}2^46^220$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$8 = 2^3$</td>
<td>(73,9,1)</td>
<td>${0,1,3,7,15,31,36,54,63}$</td>
<td>$1^82^94^98^26^72$</td>
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Future work will be concerned with SNF of inequivalent projective planes
and the cases where $q$ is not squarefree.
6 Circulant Weighing Matrices

It is shown in Geramita and Seberry [3, p. 153] that if \( Q \) is the circulant incidence matrix of a projective plane of order \( q \) then \( W = Q^2 - J \), where \( J \) is the matrix of all ones, is a circulant \( W(q^2 + q + 1, q^2) \). In order to search for relationships between the SNF of the \( SBIBD(q^2 + q + 1, q + 1, 1) \) and its complement signed, which is a \( W(q^2 + q + 1, q^2) \), we found the SNF of the corresponding weighing matrix.

![](image)

In addition we found the circulant \( W(31, 16) \) with first row

\[
-0000 - 010 - 1011000 - 1 - 1100110100
\]

had SNF, \( 1^52^54^{11}8^616^5 \) and the negacyclic \( W(20, 9) \) with first row

\[
1100 - 1 - 0 - 000 - 00010
\]

had SNF, \( 1^63^89^6 \).

As yet we have been unable to establish a theoretical link between them.

7 Further Numerical Results

Remark 5 We took the \( OD(16; 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2) \) in Gemmita and Seberry [3, p. 361] and used all possible substitutions for the variables to obtain a \( W(16, 9) \). Every one of these \( W(16, 9) \) had SNF, \( 1^89^8 \).

Remark 6 We took the same \( OD(16; 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2) \) to obtain a \( W(16, 8) \). With the variables chosen as \( x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 1, x_5 = x_6 = x_7 = 0 \) and \( x_8 = x_9 = 1 \) we obtained a \( W(16, 8) \) with SNF, \( 1^62^47^8 \) which is new. When the variables were chosen as \( x_1 = x_2 = 1, x_3 = x_4 = x_5 = x_6 = 0, x_7 = x_8 = x_9 = 1 \) the \( W(16, 8) \) so obtained had SNF, \( 1^88^8 \). When the variables were chosen as

\[
x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = x_5 = x_7 = x_8 = x_9 = 1, \quad x_6 = 0
\]

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x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = x_5 = x_6 = x_7 = x_8 = x_9 = 1, \quad x_5 = 0
\]

the \( W(16, 12) \) so obtained had SNF, \( 1^812^8 \) and \( 1^62^46^212^6 \) respectively.
When the variables of the $OD(16; 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$ were chosen using all possible combinations which gave a $W(16, 9)$ all yielded the SNF, $1^8 g^8$.

Also choosing $x_3 = x_4 = 0$, $x_7 = x_8 = 1$ with $x_1 = 1$, $x_2 = 0$, $x_5 = 0$, $x_6 = 1$ and with $x_1 = 0$, $x_2 = 1$, $x_5 = 1$, $x_6 = 0$ gave $W(16, 12)$ with SNF, $1^8 1^8 g^8$.

Working with the $OD(16; 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 4)$ and choosing $x_1 = x_6 = 1$, $x_2 = 0$ with $x_3 = x_4 = x_8 = 1$, $x_5 = x_7 = 0$ and with $x_4 = x_3 = x_7 = 1$, $x_2 = x_3 = x_8 = 0$ both gave $W(16, 9)$ with SNF, $1^8 g^8$. Choosing $x_1 = x_4 = x_6 = x_7 = x_8 = 1$, $x_2 = x_3 = x_5 = 0$ gave $W(16, 12)$ with SNF, $1^8 1^8 g^8$.

**Remark 7** We use the sequences $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, 0\}$, $\{-x_2, x_1, x_4, 0\}$, $\{-x_3, -x_4, x_1, 0\}$, $\{-x_4, x_3, -x_2, 0\}$, which have zero non-periodic autocorrelation function, as the first rows of the corresponding circulant matrices in the Goethals-Seidel army to obtain an $OD(16; 3, 3, 3, 3)$. With the variables chosen as $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1, x_3 = x_4 = 1$, with $x_2 = 0, x_1 = x_3 = x_4 = 1$, with $x_3 = 0, x_1 = x_2 = x_4 = 1$, and with $x_4 = 0, x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 1$ we obtained a $W(16, 9)$ with the same SNF, $1^8 1^8 2^6 g^8$. When the variables were chosen as $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 1$ the $W(16, 12)$ so obtained had SNF, $1^8 2^6 2^6 1^2 g^8$.

**Remark 8** We use the sequences $\{x_4, x_1, -x_4, 0\}$, $\{x_4, x_1, x_3, x_4, 0\}$, $\{x_4, -x_3, x_4, 0\}$, which have zero non-periodic autocorrelation function, as the first rows of the corresponding circulant matrices in the Goethals-Seidel army to obtain an $OD(16; 1, 1, 1, 2, 8)$. With the variables chosen as $x_1 = x_4 = 1, x_2 = x_3 = 0$, and with $x_1 = x_3 = 0, x_2 = x_4 = 1$ we obtained a $W(16, 9)$ with the same SNF, $1^8 1^8 g^8$. When the variables were chosen as $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 1$ the $W(16, 12)$ so obtained had SNF, $1^8 2^6 2^6 1^2 g^8$.

**Remark 9** We use the sequences $\{x_1, 0, 0, 0\}$, $\{x_2, 0, 0, 0\}$, $\{x_3, x_4, -x_4\}$, $\{x_4, x_4, -x_3, x_3\}$, which have zero non-periodic autocorrelation function, as the first rows of the corresponding circulant matrices in the Goethals-Seidel army to obtain an $OD(16; 1, 1, 4, 4)$. With the variables chosen as $x_1 = x_2 = x_4 = 1, x_2 = 0$, and with $x_1 = 0, x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 1$ we obtained a $W(16, 9)$ with the same SNF, $1^8 g^8$.

**Remark 10** We use the sequences $\{x_2, x_1, -x_2, 0\}$, $\{x_2, 0, x_2, 0\}$, $\{x_3, x_4, 0, 0\}$, $\{x_3, -x_4, 0, 0\}$, which have zero non-periodic autocorrelation function, as the first rows of the corresponding circulant matrices in the Goethals-Seidel army to obtain an $OD(16; 1, 2, 2, 4)$. When the variables were chosen as $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 1$ the $W(16, 9)$ so obtained had SNF, $1^8 g^8$.

**Remark 11** We use the sequences $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, 0\}$, $\{x_1, x_2, -x_3, 0\}$, $\{x_2, -x_1, x_3, 0\}$, $\{x_2, x_4, -x_2, 0\}$, which have zero non-periodic autocorrelation function, as the first rows of the corresponding circulant matrices in the Goethals-Seidel army to obtain an $OD(16; 1, 2, 3, 6)$. With the variables chosen as
Remark 12 We use the sequences \( \{x_2, x_1, -x_2, 0\}, \{x_2, 0, x_2, 0\}, \{x_3, x_3, x_4, -x_4\}, \{x_4, x_4, -x_3, x_3\} \), which have zero non-periodic autocorrelation function, as the first rows of the corresponding circulant matrices in the Goethals-Seidel array to obtain an OD(16;1,4,4,4). With the variables chosen as \( x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0 \), with \( x_1 = x_2 = x_4 = 1, x_3 = 0 \), and with \( x_1 = x_3 = x_4 = 0, x_2 = x_4 = 1 \), and with \( x_1 = x_2 = 0, x_3 = x_4 = 1 \) we obtained a W(16,9) with the same SNF, \( 1^9g^8 \). When the variables were chosen as \( x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 1 \) the W(16,12) so obtained had SNF, \( 1^62^4g^{6^2}8^6 \).

Remark 13 We use the sequences \( \{x_1, x_2, -x_3, 0\}, \{x_1, -x_2, 0, x_4\}, \{x_1, 0, x_3, -x_4\}, \{x_2, x_3, x_4, 0\} \), which have zero non-periodic autocorrelation function, as the first rows of the corresponding circulant matrices in the Goethals-Seidel array to obtain an OD(16;3,3,3,3). With the variables chosen as \( x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0 \), with \( x_1 = x_2 = x_4 = 1, x_3 = 0 \), with \( x_1 = x_3 = x_4 = 1, x_2 = 0 \), and with \( x_1 = 0, x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 1 \) we obtained a W(16,9) with SNF, \( 1^9g^8, 1^9g^8, 1^63^4g^6 \), and \( 1^63^4g^6 \) respectively. When the variables were chosen as \( x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 1 \) the W(16,12) so obtained had SNF, \( 1^82^4g^{6^2}12^4 \).

Remark 14 We use the sequences \( \{x_1, x_2, 0, 0\}, \{x_2, -x_1, 0, 0\}, \{x_3, x_4, -x_4, x_3\}, \{x_3, x_4, x_4, -x_3\} \), which have zero non-periodic autocorrelation function, as the first rows of the corresponding circulant matrices in the Goethals-Seidel array to obtain an OD(16;2,2,4,4). With the variables chosen as \( x_1 = x_2 = 0, x_3 = x_4 = 1 \), with \( x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0 \), and with \( x_1 = x_2 = x_4 = 1, x_3 = 0 \) we obtained a W(16,8) with SNF, \( 1^92^4g^8, 1^92^4g^8, \) and \( 1^92^4g^8 \) respectively. When the variables were chosen as \( x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 1 \) the W(16,12) so obtained had SNF, \( 1^62^2g^{6^2}12^6 \).

Remark 15 We use the sequences \( \{x_1, x_2, -x_2, x_1\}, \{x_1, x_2, x_2, -x_1\}, \{x_3, x_4, -x_4, x_3\}, \{x_3, x_4, x_4, -x_3\} \), which have zero non-periodic autocorrelation function, as the first rows of the corresponding circulant matrices in the Goethals-Seidel array to obtain an OD(16;4,4,4,4). With the variables chosen as \( x_1 = x_2 = 1, x_3 = x_4 = 0 \), and with \( x_1 = x_2 = 0, x_3 = x_4 = 1 \) we obtained a W(16,8) with the same SNF, \( 1^92^4g^8 \). With the variables chosen as \( x_1 = x_3 = 1, x_2 = x_4 = 0 \), with \( x_1 = x_4 = 1, x_2 = x_3 = 0 \),
with $x_1 = x_4 = 0, x_2 = x_3 = 1$, and with $x_1 = x_3 = 0, x_2 = x_4 = 1$ we obtained a $W(16, 8)$ with the same SNF, $1^{5}2^{4}4^{3}8^{5}$. With the variables chosen as $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0$, with $x_1 = x_2 = x_4 = 1, x_3 = 0$, with $x_1 = x_3 = x_4 = 1, x_2 = 0$, and with $x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 1, x_1 = 0$ we obtained a $W(16, 12)$ with the same SNF, $1^{6}2^{2}6^{2}12^{6}$.

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