Primitive Designs Constructed from Simple Groups

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Let G be a finite permutation group acting primitively on sets Ω_1 and Ω_2 . We describe a construction of a 1-design with the block set Ω_1 and the point set Ω_2 , having G as an automorphism group.

In particular, a simple group G act primitively on a conjugacy class of a maximal subgroup and, therefore, we can construct 1-designs from the group G.

Applying this method, we construct simple block designs with parameters (31, 6, 1), (31, 6, 100), (31, 10, 300), (31, 15, 700), (31, 3, 25), (31, 12, 550) and (31, 15, 875) from the group L(3, 5). All constructed block designs have L(3, 5) as the full automorphism group.

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