

Design Theory

Chapter 6. Mutually Orthogonal Latin Squares

6.1. Introduction—Proofs of Theorems

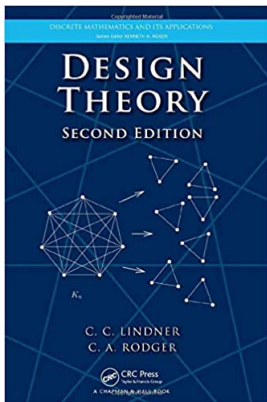


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