**Problem 3.12** Three 8-ary signal constellations are shown in Figure 3.24.

- (a) Express R and  $d_{\min}^{(2)}$  in terms of  $d_{\min}^{(1)}$  so that all three constellations have the same  $E_{\rm b}$ .
- (b) For a given  $E_b/N_0$ , which constellation do you expect to have the smallest bit error probability over a high SNR AWGN channel?
- (c) For each constellation, determine whether you can label signal points using three bits so that the label for nearest neighbors differs by at most one bit. If so, find such a labeling. If not, say why not and find some "good" labeling.

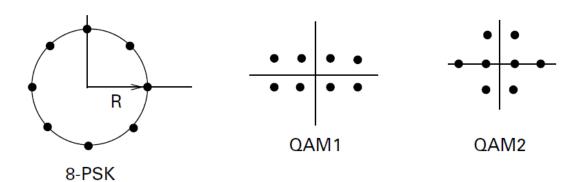


Fig. 3.24