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design, weighing matrix, hamiltons conjecture

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Weighing matrices are important in combinatorics.  
There has been software developed which uses a  
parallel implementation to help discover and classify  
classes of weighing matrices.

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2:00 p.m.  
Combinatorial Designs  
Ilias Kotsireas

Combinatorial Design Theory:

Is it possible to arrange elements of a finite set into subsets so that certain properties are satisfied.

Applications to cryptography, optical communications, wireless communications, coding theory

Weighing Matrices:

A weighing matrix  $W = W(n,k)$  of weight  $k$  is a square  $n \times n$  matrix with entries  $-1, 0, 1$ , having  $k$  non-zero entries per row and column, with inner product of distinct rows zero.

$W \cdot \text{Transpose}(W) = kI_n$  where  $I_n$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

What can we do?

Plan of attack: Establish patterns for the locations of the 5 zeros in solutions for weighing matrices of the type  $W(2n, 2n-5)$

This would take us down from  $3^{(2n)}$  to  $2^{(2n-5)}$  operations.

Idea: Analyze the solution sets for  $W(2n, 2n-5)$  for all odd  $n$  up to 15. Since we want the weighing matrix to be constructed from two circulants, when we fix 4 zeroes, the location of the 5th zero is fixed in a very symmetric position. A proof of this would probably imply that there is an infinite class of a certain type of polynomials.

To help, since certain problems still require too many operations, is to calculate certain autocorrelating functions. NPAF and PAF, (non) Periodic Autocorrelating Functions.

$\text{NPAF} = 0$  implies  $\text{PAF} = 0$ . And these functions are related in other ways as well.

Weighing matrices come from sequences with zero PAF.

Power Spectral Density theorem (PSD): Two sequences can be used to make up circulant matrices  $A$  and  $B$  that will give  $W(2n,k)$  weighing matrices if and only if a certain relation in the terms of the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) hold.

There is a theorem that provides a horizontal relationship between the sequence and the PSD, which allows for faster calculating of the DFT coefficients we need.

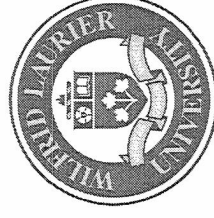
A solution to  $W(2 \cdot 29, 53)$  can now be found (using the PSD and a string sorting algorithm) within a day with serial programs. However, a solution for  $W(2 \cdot 33, 61)$  is still not found. It could be that the algorithm is failing because one of the PSD values is an integer.

It turns out, that there ARE cases where the PSD value can be an integer.

An error bounding algorithm was created to find when the algorithm may fail.

# Combinatorial Designs: constructions, algorithms and new results

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# Combinatorial Design Theory

Is it possible to arrange elements of a finite set into subsets so that certain properties are satisfied?

Existence and non-existence results. Infinite classes.

Tools & concepts from: linear algebra, algebra, group theory, number theory, combinatorics, symbolic computation, numerical analysis.

Applications to: cryptography, optical communications, wireless communications, coding theory.

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# Weighing Matrices

A weighing matrix  $W = W(n, k)$  of weight  $k$ , is a square  $n \times n$  matrix with entries  $-1, 0, +1$  having  $k$  non-zero entries per row and column and inner product of distinct rows zero.

$$W \cdot W^t = k I_n$$

**Fact:**

If there is a  $W(2n, k)$ ,  $n$  odd, then  $k \leq 2n - 1$  and  $k$  is the sum of two squares.

**Theorem:**

If there exist two circulant matrices  $A, B$  of order  $n$  each, satisfying  $A \cdot A^t + B \cdot B^t = k I_n$ , then there exists a  $W(2n, k)$ .

$$W(2n, k) = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ -B^t & A^t \end{pmatrix}$$

$W(2n, 2n - 1)$  constructed from two circulants: infinite class

$W(2n, 2n - 3)$  constructed from two circulants: do not exist

**Ten Open Problems:** [C. Koukouvinos, J. Seberry, JSPI (81), 1999]

Do there exist

$W(2 \cdot 23, 41)$ ,  $W(2 \cdot 25, 45)$ ,  $W(2 \cdot 27, 49)$ ,  $W(2 \cdot 29, 53)$ ,  $W(2 \cdot 33, 61)$ ,

$W(2 \cdot 35, 65)$ ,  $W(2 \cdot 39, 73)$ ,  $W(2 \cdot 43, 81)$ ,  $W(2 \cdot 45, 85)$ ,  $W(2 \cdot 47, 89)$

constructed from two circulants?

Common feature:  $W(2n, 2n - 5)$ , for  $n = 23, \dots, 47$ .

Odd large weights.

R. Craigen, The structure of weighing matrices having large weights.

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**Plan of attack:**

Establish potential patterns for the locations of the 5 zeros in solutions.

From  $3^{2n} \sim 2^{3.17n}$  ops, down to  $2^{2n-5}$  ops.

**Idea:**

Analyze the solutions sets for  $W(2n, 2n - 5)$  for all odd  $n$  up to  $n = 15$ .  
(bash/Maple meta-program, C code generation, supercomputing)

**First observation: (4 zeros)**

*	...	*	0	0	0	0	*	...	*
$a_1$	...	$a_{n-2}$	$a_{n-1}$	$a_n$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	...	$b_n$



**Second observation: (the remaining fifth zero)**

$$\underbrace{a_1 \star \dots \star}_{\frac{n-3}{2} \text{ terms}} \quad 0 \quad \underbrace{\star \dots \star a_{n-2}}_{\frac{n-3}{2} \text{ terms}} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \underbrace{b_3 \star \dots \star b_n}_{n-2 \text{ terms}}$$
  

$$\underbrace{a_1 \star \dots \star a_{n-2}}_{n-2 \text{ terms}} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \underbrace{b_3 \star \dots \star}_{\frac{n-3}{2} \text{ terms}} \quad 0 \quad \underbrace{\star \dots \star b_n}_{\frac{n-3}{2} \text{ terms}}$$

**CRYSTALIZATION** When we fix the 4 zeros as indicated above, then the fifth zero can only appear in exactly two possible places, in a  $W(2n, 2n - 5)$  solution.

A proof will probably use **Hall polynomials, PAF equations**

Implication: Infinite Class of  $W(2n, 2n - 5)$

## Results:

W(2\*23,41) solution

-1 -1 -1 -1 1 1 -1 1 -1 0 1 1 -1 -1 1 -1 -1 1 -1 0 0  
0 0 -1 -1 1 1 -1 -1 1 1 -1 -1 -1 -1 1 -1 1 -1 1 -1

W(2\*25,45) solution

1 1 1 1 -1 -1 1 1 -1 1 0 1 -1 1 -1 -1 1 1 1 1 0 0  
0 0 -1 -1 1 -1 1 1 1 1 -1 1 1 -1 1 -1 1 1 1 -1 1 1

W(2\*27,49) solution

1 1 1 1 1 1 -1 -1 -1 1 -1 -1 0 -1 -1 1 1 -1 1 -1 1 0 0  
0 0 -1 -1 -1 1 1 -1 1 1 -1 -1 -1 1 1 -1 -1 1 -1 1 -1 1 -1

W(2 · 29, 53) is still out of reach, as it still requires  $2^{53}$  ops.

# Periodic & non-periodic autocorrelation function

The 2nd elementary symmetric function in  $n$  variables  $a_1, \dots, a_n$

$$\sigma_2 = a_1 a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} a_n = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i a_j$$

plays a pivotal role in building  $W(2n, k)$ .

**PAF and NPAF concepts**

$$\sigma_2 \text{ is made up of } \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} n - i = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \binom{n}{2}$$

(pairwise different) quadratic monomials:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccccccc}
 a_1 a_2 & a_2 a_3 & a_3 a_4 & \vdots & a_{n-1} a_n \\
 a_1 a_3 & a_2 a_4 & \vdots & \vdots & \bullet \\
 \vdots & \vdots & a_3 a_n & \vdots & \bullet \\
 a_1 a_{n-1} & a_2 a_n & \bullet & \vdots & \bullet \\
 a_1 a_n & \bullet & \bullet & \vdots & \bullet \\
 \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{n-1 \text{ terms}} & \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{n-2 \text{ terms}} & \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{n-3 \text{ terms}} & \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{n-i \text{ terms}} & \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{1 \text{ term}}
 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{ccccccc}
 a_1 a_2 & a_2 a_3 & a_3 a_4 & \vdots & a_{n-1} a_n & \leftarrow & N_A(1) \\
 a_1 a_3 & a_2 a_4 & \vdots & \vdots & \bullet & \leftarrow & N_A(2) \\
 \vdots & \vdots & a_3 a_n & \vdots & \bullet & \leftarrow & N_A(3) \\
 a_1 a_{n-1} & a_2 a_n & \bullet & \vdots & \bullet & \vdots & \vdots \\
 a_1 a_n & \bullet & \bullet & \vdots & \bullet & \leftarrow & N_A(n-1)
 \end{array} \right\}$$

**Lemma:**

$$N_A(1) + N_A(2) + \dots + N_A(n-1) = \sigma_2$$

**Fact:**

$$P_A(s) = N_A(s) + N_A(n-s), s = 1, \dots, n-1$$

**Lemma:**

$$P_A(1) + P_A(2) + \dots + P_A(n-1) = 2\sigma_2$$

**Fact:**

$$NPAF = 0 \implies PAF = 0$$

The converse is not always true.

**Definition:**

Two sequences  $A = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$  and  $B = [b_1, \dots, b_n]$  are said to have zero PAF (resp. NPAF) if

$$P_A(s) + P_B(s) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n - 1$$

$$\text{resp. } N_A(s) + N_B(s) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n - 1.$$

Weighing matrices come from sequences with zero PAF.

**Fact:**

If we can construct two sequences  $A$  and  $B$  with zero PAF, then we can construct  $W(2 \cdot n, k)$  from two circulants.

# Power Spectral Density, PSD

## PSD Theorem

[Fletcher, Gysin, Seberry, Australas. J. Combin., 23, 2001]

Two sequences  $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$ ,  $[b_1, \dots, b_n]$  can be used to make up circulant matrices  $A$  and  $B$  that will give  $W(2n, k)$  weighing matrices if and only if

$$PSD([a_1, \dots, a_n], i) + PSD([b_1, \dots, b_n], i) = k, \quad \forall i = 0, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}$$

where  $PSD([a_1, \dots, a_n], k)$  denotes the  $k$ -th element of the power spectral density sequence, i.e. the square magnitude of the  $k$ -th element of the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) sequence associated to  $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$ .

The DFT sequence associated to  $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$  is defined as

$$DFT_{[a_1, \dots, a_n]} = [\mu_0, \dots, \mu_{n-1}], \text{ with } \mu_k = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_{i+1} \omega^{ik}, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1$$

where  $\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right)$  is a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity.

The proof is based on the **Wiener-Khinchin Theorem**

- The PSD of a sequence is equal to the DFT of its PAF sequence

$$|\mu_k|^2 = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} PAF_A(j) \omega^{jk}$$

- The PAF of a sequence is equal to the inverse DFT of its PSD sequence

$$PAF_A(j) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |\mu_k|^2 \omega^{-jk}$$



The Parseval Theorem provides a *horizontal* relationship between the elements of a sequence  $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$  and its DFT sequence:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n PSD([a_1, \dots, a_n], i)$$

The PSD theorem provides a *vertical* relationship between the elements of two sequences  $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$  and  $[b_1, \dots, b_n]$ .

The PSD criterion for  $W(2n, k)$  states that:

if for a certain sequence  $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$  there exists  $i \in \{1, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}\}$  with the property that  $PSD([a_1, \dots, a_n], i) > k$ , then this sequence cannot be used to construct  $W(2n, k)$ .

**Important Consequence:** we can now decouple the PAF equations, roughly corresponding to cutting down the complexity by half.

# Algorithm: String Sorting

Begin with

$$PSD([b_1, \dots, b_n], i) = k - PSD([a_1, \dots, a_n], i), \quad \forall i = 0, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}$$

and take integer parts

$$[PSD([b_1, \dots, b_n], i)] = \begin{cases} k-1 - [PSD([a_1, \dots, a_n], i)], & \text{is not an integer} \\ k - [PSD([a_1, \dots, a_n], i)], & \text{is an integer} \end{cases}$$

A pair of vectors  $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$  and  $[b_1, \dots, b_n]$  can be encoded as the concatenation of the integer parts of the first  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  components of their PSD vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} [b_1, \dots, b_n] &\longrightarrow [PSD([b_1, \dots, b_n], 1)] \dots \\ [a_1, \dots, a_n] &\longrightarrow k-1 - [PSD([a_1, \dots, a_n], 1)] \dots \end{aligned}$$

Using the above encoding, the condition that a pair of sequences  $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$  and  $[b_1, \dots, b_n]$  can be used as the first rows of circulants to construct  $W(2n, k)$  weighing matrices, can be simply phrased by saying that their corresponding string encodings are equal.

Therefore we see that the search for weighing matrices is essentially a string sorting problem.

A solution for  $W(2 \cdot 29, 53)$  can now be found within a day, with serial programs.

**However:** A solution for  $W(2 \cdot 33, 61)$  was still not found.

**Is it possible that  $[\text{PSD}([a_1, \dots, a_n], i)]$  can be an integer?**

# Rounding Error Treatment

**LEMMA** Let  $n$  be an odd integer such that  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and let  $m = \frac{n}{3}$ . Let  $\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right)$  the principal  $n$ -th root of unity. Let  $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$  be a sequence with elements from  $\{-1, 0, +1\}$ . Then we have that  $DFT([a_1, \dots, a_n], m)$  can be evaluated explicitly in closed form and  $PSD([a_1, \dots, a_n], m)$  is a non-negative integer. The explicit evaluations are given by

$$DFT([a_1, \dots, a_n], m) = \left( A_1 - \frac{1}{2}A_2 - \frac{1}{2}A_3 \right) + \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}A_2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}A_3 \right) i$$

$$PSD([a_1, \dots, a_n], m) = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + A_3^2 - A_1A_2 - A_1A_3 - A_2A_3$$

where

$$A_1 = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_{3i+1}, \quad A_2 = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_{3i+2}, \quad A_3 = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_{3i+3}.$$

**Sketch of proof: Acknowledgement: Doron Zeilberger**

$DFT([a_1, \dots, a_n], m)$  is a linear combination of  $\omega^0, \omega^m, \omega^{2m}$

$$\begin{aligned} DFT([a_1, \dots, a_n], m) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_{i+1} \omega^{im} = \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_{3i+1} \right) \omega^0 + \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_{3i+2} \right) \omega^m + \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_{3i+3} \right) \omega^{2m} \\ &A_1 \omega^0 + A_2 \omega^m + A_3 \omega^{2m}. \end{aligned}$$

$\omega^m = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}$  and  $\omega^{2m} = e^{\frac{4\pi i}{3}}$  are the roots of the cyclotomic polynomial  $\Phi_3(x) = x^2 + x + 1$  and can be evaluated explicitly as:

$$\omega^m = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, \quad \omega^{2m} = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i.$$

Solutions for  $W(2 \cdot 33, 61)$  were found. <http://www.cargo.wlu.ca/weighing/>

