

# MAT8010 Homework #6

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1. Show that if an  $\mathcal{S}(3, 6, v)$  exists, then  $v \equiv 2$  or  $6 \pmod{20}$ .

Prove:

Calculate  $b_i$ ,  $i = 3, 2, 1, 0$ ;  $b_1 \notin \mathbb{Z}$

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3. Let  $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{B})$  be a  $t - (v, k, \lambda)$  design, and let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{t+1}$  be points of  $\mathcal{P}$ . Suppose that  $\mu$  blocks of  $\mathcal{S}$  contain all these points. Use the PIE to show that the number of blocks containing none of points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{t+1}$  is  $N + (-1)^{t+1}\mu$ , where  $N$  depends on  $t, v, k, \lambda$  only. Deduce that if  $t$  is even and  $v = 2k + 1$ , then  $(\mathcal{P} \cup \{y\}, \{\mathcal{B} \cup \{y\}, \mathcal{P} \setminus \mathcal{B} \mid \mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{B}\})$  is a  $(t+1) - (v+1, k+1, \lambda)$ -design.

Prove:

4. Let  $X$  be a  $v$ -set, and let  $0 \leq t \leq k \leq v$  be integers. The subset inclusion matrix  $W_{tk}(v)$  is a  $(0, 1)$ -matrix whose rows are indexed by the  $t$ -subsets  $T$  of  $X$  and whose columns are indexed by the  $k$ -subsets  $K$  of  $X$ , with the  $(T, K)$ -entry being 1 if  $T \subseteq K$ , and 0 otherwise. Prove that  $W_{tk}(v)$  has full rank over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ; that is  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Q}}(W_{tk}(v)) = \min \left\{ \binom{v}{t}, \binom{v}{k} \right\}$ .

Prove:

5. Let  $O$  be a subset of the points of a projective plane of order  $n$  such that no three points of  $O$  are on one line. Show that  $|O| \leq n+1$  if  $n$  is odd and that  $|O| \leq n+2$  if  $n$  is even. A set of  $n+1$  points, no three on a line, is called an oval; a set of  $n+2$  points, no three on a line, is a hyperoval. Two constructions of  $PG_2(4)$  were given in Example 19.7 and Problem 19F. In each case, construct a hyperoval.

Prove:

6. Let  $G$  be simple graph and let  $A$  be the adjacency matrix of  $G$ . The eigenvalues of  $A$  are called the eigenvalues of  $G$ . Also we denote the largest vertex degree of  $G$  by  $\Delta(G)$ . Prove that (i) the eigenvalue of  $G$  with the largest absolute value is  $\Delta(G)$  if and only if some connected component of  $G$  is  $\Delta(G)$ -regular; (ii) The multiplicity of  $\Delta(G)$  as an eigenvalue of  $G$  is the number of  $\Delta(G)$ -regular components of  $G$ .

Prove:

(i)

(ii)