

EXAMPLE

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with $\omega :=$ primitive 3rd root of 1_A .

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Zeros follow from Cor. 17.7 as

$$\gcd(x_2(1), |C_3|) = \gcd(x_3(1), |C_3|) = \gcd(x_5(1), |C_4|) = \gcd(x_5(1), |C_5|) = 1$$

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- 2nd Orth. Rel. 1st & 3rd col's : $0 = 1 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot x_5(g_3) \Rightarrow x_5(g_3) = -1$
- 1st Orth. Rel: 1st & 5th rows : $0 = 1 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot x_5(g_2) + 1 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 \Rightarrow x_5(g_2) = 1$

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$$X(A_5) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 3 & -1 & 0 & \zeta - \zeta^4 & \zeta^2 - \zeta^3 \\ x_3 & 3 & -1 & 0 & \zeta^2 - \zeta^3 & \zeta - \zeta^4 \\ x_4 & 4 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ x_5 & 5 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\zeta := e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}})$$

- Same method as for x_4 yields: $x_2 = \psi \uparrow_{\langle (12345) \rangle}^{A_5} - x_4 - x_5$ with $\psi = "x_3"$ in Ex. 4.
- Finally $x_3 := \overline{x_2}$