

Exercise 1 (Exercise 1). Prove that the tensor product of two Hadamard matrices is a Hadamard matrix.

Answer

Suppose H, K are two Hadamard matrices. We have $HH^T = mI$ and $KK^T = nI$ and we must show that $(H \otimes K)(H \otimes K)^T = mnI$ where the last identity matrix has size $(mn) \times (mn)$.

The product enjoys two properties which are essential for our purpose:

- ◇ Transposition distributes over the product: $(A \otimes B)^T = A^T \otimes B^T$.
- ◇ The *mixed-product property*: If A, B, C, D are matrices, then

$$(A \otimes B)(C \otimes D) = AC \otimes BD.$$

With this in hand we see that

$$(H \otimes K)(H \otimes K)^T = HH^T \otimes KK^T = mnI_m \otimes I_n = mnI_{mn}$$

and thus $H \otimes K$ is Hadamard as desired.

Exercise 2 (Exercise 4). The **complementary design** to a design $\mathcal{D} = (X, \mathcal{B})$ is the pair $\mathcal{D}^c = (X, \mathcal{B}^c)$ where $\mathcal{B}^c = \{X \setminus B : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$. Show that if \mathcal{D} is a $1 - (v, k, \lambda)$ design then \mathcal{D}^c is a $1 - (v, v - k, v\lambda/k - \lambda)$ design.

Answer

We know that in \mathcal{D}^c we have v vertices. Any block is of the form $X \setminus B$ with B having size k , so all the blocks in \mathcal{D}^c have size $v - k$ as desired.

It remains to show that every point is in exactly $\frac{v\lambda}{k} - \lambda$ blocks. Now, let us manipulate this quantity:

Recall r is the number of blocks containing a point, in this case as we have a 1-design, we have that $r = \lambda$, so

$$\frac{v\lambda}{k} = \frac{vr}{k} = \frac{bk}{k} = b, \quad \text{the number of blocks.}$$

So we must show that every point is in $b - r$ blocks, but now this is immediate because any point already on r blocks, is not inside the remaining $b - r$ blocks. But that is what it means to be inside a block in the complementary design. We conclude that \mathcal{D}^c is indeed a $1 - (v, v - k, b - r)$ design.

Exercise 3 (Exercise 6). Prove that the edge-complement of a strongly regular graph is strongly regular, and find the new parameters in terms of the previous.

Answer

Suppose G is strongly regular with parameters (n, k, λ, μ) . Pick a vertex v and look at its neighbors, there are k of them. Out of the remaining $n - 1$ vertices, v is not connected to $n - 1 - k$ of them.

Now pick another vertex w , if they are not connected then they share μ common neighbors. From the remaining $n - 2$ vertices, u, v are only connected to their neighborhoods. Removing all the vertices in the neighborhoods doubly counts the intersection, and we know that intersection has size μ . So in total, v, w are not connected to

$$(n - 2) - 2k + \mu \quad \text{vertices}$$