

Theorem: For a symmetric (K, v, λ) -design, we have:

$$4n-1 \leq v \leq n^2+n+1$$

$\underbrace{4n-1}_{\text{Related to Hadamard matrices}} \leq v \leq \underbrace{n^2+n+1}_{\text{either a projective plane or its complement}}$

(where $n = k - \lambda$)

Proof:

The upper bound is achieved by projective planes and their complements. (1266)

For the lower bound, we have

$$v = 1 + \frac{k(k-1)}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 1 + \frac{(n+1)(n+1-1)}{\lambda} = \frac{n^2-n}{\lambda} + 2n+1$$

Thinking of v as a function of λ with n fixed, v is minimized when the derivative $= 0$.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{n^2-n}{\lambda} + 2n+1 \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \sqrt{n^2-n}$$

So:

$$v \geq \frac{n^2-n}{\sqrt{n^2-n}} + 2n+1$$

$$= \sqrt{n^2-n} + 2n+1$$

Is this ever a square?

Yes! Since $4n^2-4n+1 = (2n-1)^2$ is a square.



Proof (cont)

So, we can round the bound up:

$$\begin{aligned} V &> \sqrt{4n^2 - 4n} + 2n \\ &\geq \sqrt{4n^2 - 4n + 4} + 2n \\ &= (2n-1) + 2n \\ &= 4n-1. \end{aligned}$$

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Defn

A Hadamard design is a symmetric design in which $V=4n-1$.

Properties:

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The parameters of a Hadamard design are (since $V=4n-1$)

$$(V, k, \lambda) = (4n-1, 2n-1, n-1)$$

$$\text{OR } (V, k, \lambda) = (4n-1, 2n, n)$$

Proof:

Use $V = 1 + \frac{k(k-1)}{\lambda}$ with $V=4n-1$, $k=2n-1$ and solve for λ .
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Examples:

(1) The Fano plane is a $(7, 3, 1)$ -design (with $n=2$)

(2) We constructed "projective geometries" (i.e. The design from lines/hyperplanes incidence structure)

This had parameters:

$$\left(\frac{q^d-1}{q-1}, \frac{q^{d-1}-1}{q-1}, \frac{q^{d-2}-1}{q-1} \right) \quad q \text{ prime power}$$

Examples (cont)

(b) If $q=2$, this is a Hadamard design.

Theorem: ^{standardized}

If H is a Hadamard matrix (size $(n-1) \times (n-1)$), then:

$$(a) \frac{J + H}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & & \\ 1 & & N \end{pmatrix}$$

where N is the incidence matrix of a $(n-1, 2n-1, n-1)$ -design.

$$(b) \frac{J - H}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \\ 0 & & N \end{pmatrix}$$

These 2 designs are complements.

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(c) Conversely, if N is the incidence matrix of a $(n-1, 2n-1, n-1)$ -design, then:

$$2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & & \\ 1 & & N \end{pmatrix} - J$$

is a standardized HM.

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(d) If N' is the IM of a $(4n-1, 2n, n)$ -design, then

$$J = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \\ 0 & N' \end{pmatrix}$$

is a standardized HM.

Proof:

We'll prove (a), the others are similar.

First note:

$$JH^T = \begin{pmatrix} 4n & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 4n & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 4n & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{All orthogonal to } \mathbf{1}$$

All rows are the same since all rows of J are the same

Since H is standardized, every row of J is the ^{first} row of H . And, the rows of H are orthogonal.

$$HJ = \begin{pmatrix} 4n & \dots & \dots & 4n \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{By transposition})$$

Now, consider:

$$\left(\frac{H+J}{2} \right) \left(\frac{H+J}{2} \right)^T = \frac{HH^T + HJ + JH^T + JJ^T}{4}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4n & 0 \\ 0 & 4n \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \frac{4nI + \begin{pmatrix} 4n & \dots & 4n \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4n & \dots & 4n \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 4nI}{4}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4n & \dots & 4n \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 4n & \dots & 4n \end{pmatrix}$$

Proof (cont):

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4n & 2n & \dots & 2n \\ 2n & 2n & n & \dots & n \\ \vdots & n & \ddots & \ddots & n \\ 2n & n & \dots & n & 2n \end{pmatrix} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 4n & 2nI^T \\ \hline 2nI & nI + nJ \end{array} \right)$$

On the other hand:

$$\frac{(H+I)}{2} \frac{(H+I)^T}{2}$$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{c|c} I & I^T \\ \hline I & N \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} I & I^T \\ \hline II & N^T \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 4n & I^T + I^T N^T \\ \hline NI + I & J + NN^T \end{array} \right)$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} NI + I = 2nI \\ I^T + I^T N^T = 2nI^T \\ nI + nJ = J + NN^T \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{These 2 are just transpose of each other, so one is redundant, we'll just use the 1st and 2nd eqn.}$$

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Proof (cont)

$$\Rightarrow N^T N = (2n-1)I \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow k-1}$$

$$N N^T = nI + (n-1)J \xrightarrow{\lambda}$$

And these are 2 of the 3 equations that N should satisfy.

To get the 3rd equation, consider:

$$\left(\frac{H+J}{2} \right)^T \left(\frac{H+J}{2} \right)$$

And compute this in 2 ways, this will give

$$H^T N = (2n-1)I^T \xrightarrow{k}$$

$$N^T N = nI + (n-1)J$$

$$\searrow_{k-1} \quad \searrow_{\lambda}$$

Since N is a $0,1$ -matrix and satisfies the 3 eqs, we're done \square

Remark:

Since there are many ways to standardize a Hadamard matrix, we get multiple designs for the same HM. These designs may not be isomorphic.

Theorem:

Let $q = 4n-1$ be a prime power (i.e. $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$)

$$\mathbb{QR}(q) = \{x^2 \mid x \in \mathbb{GF}(q)^* \} \xrightarrow{\text{units of } \mathbb{GF}(q)}$$

is a $(4n-1, 2n-1, n-1)$ -difference set.

Corollary:

If $(n-1)$ is a prime power, then a 4×4 Hadamard matrix exists.

Lemma:

Let $x \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$,

$$x \in \mathbb{QR}(q) \Leftrightarrow x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = 1$$

$$x \in \mathbb{QNR}(q) \Leftrightarrow x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = -1.$$

In particular:

• If $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $x \in \mathbb{QR}(q) \Leftrightarrow -x \in \mathbb{QR}(q)$

• If $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then $x \in \mathbb{QR}(q) \Leftrightarrow -x \notin \mathbb{QR}(q)$.

Proof:

\mathbb{F}_q^* is a group under multiplication of order $q-1$.
(it is also a cyclic group!)

By Cauchy's theorem:

$$x^{q-1} = 1 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^{\frac{q-1}{2}})^2 = 1$$

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$$\Rightarrow (x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} - 1)(x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = \pm 1$$

If $x \in \mathbb{QR}(q)$. Then $x = a^2$ for some $a \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$, so

$$x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = (a^2)^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = a^{q-1} = 1$$



Proof (cont) ⊙

Note that $|x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = 1|$ is a polynomial eqn of degree $\frac{q-1}{2}$.
Therefore, it can have at most $\frac{q-1}{2}$ solutions.

Claim: $|QR(q)| = \frac{q-1}{2}$

Proof:

The squaring map $\phi: QR(q)^* \rightarrow QR(q)^*$ is two-to-one,
 $a \mapsto a^2$

because $\phi^{-1}(b) = \{x \in QR(q)^* \mid x^2 = b\}$

\hookrightarrow Quadratic, this has 2 sds,
 $\pm\sqrt{x}$. \square

Since \odot has as many solutions as there are quadratic residues, the quadratic residues are the only solutions.
 \therefore If $x \notin QR(q)$, then $x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \neq 1 \Rightarrow x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = -1$. (since $x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \equiv \pm 1$)

Finally, if $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \equiv (-x)^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \Leftrightarrow x \in QR(q)$
 $\Leftrightarrow -x \in QR(q)$

And if $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, $x^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \equiv x - (-x)^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \Leftrightarrow x \in QR(q)$
 $\Leftrightarrow -x \notin QR(q)$

\square .