## Balanced Weighing Matrices Generalizations and Related Configurations

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#### Summary

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### **Preliminaries**

#### **Section Summary**

- Preliminaries
  - Weighing Matrices
  - Balanced Incomplete Block Designs
  - Balanced Weighing Matrices and Classical Constructions

#### **Definition.** Weighing Matrix

A  $v \times v$  (-1,0,1)-matrix W such that

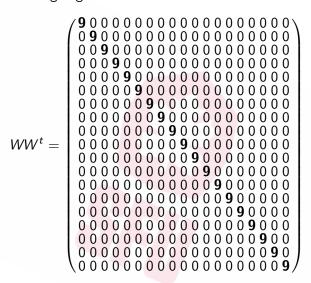
$$WW^t = kI_v$$
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Write W(v, k).

- W(v, v) is a Hadamard matrix
- W(v, v 1) is a conference matrix

• A W(19,9):

• Verify W is a weighing matrix:



• A Hadamard matrix W(16, 16):

• A  $W(2^n, 2^n)$  as the character table for elementary abelian 2-group.

#### Theorem. Necessary conditions for existence

If a W(v, k) exists, then

- v odd implies k a perfect square and  $(v k)^2 (v k) \ge v 1$ ,
- $v \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  implies k a sum of two squares, and
- v = k implies v = 1, 2, or  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

#### **Theorem.** Necessary conditions not necessarily sufficient

There does not exist a W(2v+1, v) for any v > 2.

#### **Conjecture.** Existence of Hadamard matrices

A W(4v, 4v) exists for every v > 1.

#### **Definition:** Balanced Incomplete Block Design

- A binary  $v \times b$  (0,1)-matrix A such that:
  - $AA^t = rI_V + \lambda (J_V I_V), \text{ and }$
  - $2 J_{v}A = kJ_{v}.$

Write 2- $(v, k, \lambda)$ -design.

• The design is symmetric if v = b (equiv. k = r).

• A symmetric 2-(7, 4, 2)-design:

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}\right)$$

• Verify A is a symmetric design:

$$AA^{t} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### **Theorem.** Necessary conditions for existence

A symmetric 2- $(v, k, \lambda)$ -design exists only if

- $k \lambda$  a perfect square whenever  $\nu$  is even, and
- the equation

$$x^{2} = (k - \lambda)y^{2} + (-1)^{(v-1)/2}\lambda z^{2}$$

has nontrivial integer solutions whenever v is odd.

#### **Example.** Necessary conditions not sufficient

A projective plane of order 10 (particular parameter family of symmetric BIBDs) is not ruled out by the Theorem (take (x, y, z) = (3, 1, 1)). It is known not to exist, however.

• The matrix is circulant:

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{cccccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}\right)$$

 Cyclic group of automorphisms acting regularly on points and blocks of corresponding incidence structure. • Index rows/columns by  $H = \langle a : a^7 = 1 \rangle$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 & a^4 & a^5 & a^6 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a^5 & a^6 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Take  $A_{a^i,a^j} = A_{a^{i-j},1}$ .
- 1st column is a characteristic vector for  $D = \{1, a, a^2, a^4\} \subset H$ .
- ith column is a characteristic vector of  $D \cdot a^i$ .

#### **Definition.** Difference Sets

A difference set  $(v, k, \lambda)$ -DS is a k-subset  $D \subseteq G$  of finite group G of order v such that every nonidentity element of G appears  $\lambda$  times in the multiset  $\{dd^{-1}: d \in D\}$  of differences (quotients) of elements of D.

#### **Theorem.** Difference sets and symmetric BIBDs

A symmetric 2- $(v, k, \lambda)$ -design admits a regular group G of automorphisms if and only if the blocks of the design can be identified with the development (translates) of a  $(v, k, \lambda)$ -DS difference set in G.

• Consider the quotients amongst  $D = \{1, a, a^2, a^4\} \subset H$ :

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	1	a	$a^2$	$a^4$
1	1	$a^6$	$a^5$	$a^3$
а	a	1	a <sup>6</sup>	$a^4$
$a^2$	$a^2$	a	1	$a^5$
$a^4$	a <sup>4</sup>	$a^3$	$a^2$	1

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#### **Definition.** Balanced Weighing Matrices

- If W is a W(v, k), then W is balanced if |W| is the incidence matrix of a symmetric 2- $(v, k, \lambda)$ -design,  $\lambda = k(k-1)/(v-1)$ .
- Write BW(v, k).



• Our example W(19, 9) is a BW(19, 9):

• A BW(7,4):

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} - & 0 & 0 & + & 0 & + & + \\ + & - & 0 & 0 & + & 0 & + \\ + & + & - & 0 & 0 & + & 0 \\ 0 & + & + & - & 0 & 0 & + \\ + & 0 & + & + & - & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & + & 0 & + & + & - & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & + & 0 & + & + & - & \end{pmatrix}$$

• The absolute value matrix is A.

- The BW(7,4) B is constructed from a relative difference set.
- The BW(19,9) W is not constructable from an RDS. Computationally found by Gibbons and Mathon (1987).

#### **Definition.** Relative Difference Sets

A relative difference set  $(m, n, k, \lambda)$ -RDS of a group G of order mn relative to a subgroup N of order n is a k-subset  $R \subseteq G$  such that every nonidentity element of  $G \setminus N$  appears  $\lambda$  times in the multiset  $\{rr^{-1} : r \in R\}$  of differences (quotients) of elements of R.

• An RDS in a group G corresponds to a point regular automorphism group of a square divisible design isomorphic to G.

- Let  $G = \langle a, b : a^7 = b^2 = 1 \rangle \cong C_{14}$ .
- $R = \{b, a, a^2, a^4\}$  is an (8, 2, 4, 1)-RDS is G relative to  $N = \{1, b\}$ .

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	Ь	a	$a^2$	$a^4$	
Ь	1	ba <sup>6</sup>	ba <sup>5</sup>	ba <sup>3</sup>	
а	ab	1	$a^6$	a <sup>4</sup>	
$a^2$	a <sup>2</sup> b	a	1	$a^5$	
a <sup>4</sup>	a <sup>4</sup> b	$a^3$	$a^2$	1	

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- Form  $a^i N$  and  $a^i R$  for each  $a^i \in \langle a \rangle$ .
- Each  $a^i N \cap a^j R = \emptyset$ ,  $\{a^n\}$ , or  $\{a^m b\}$ .
- Construct the  $7 \times 7$  matrix B by

$$B_{a^i,a^j} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a^i N \cap a^j R = \emptyset, \\ 1 & \text{if } a^i N \cap a^j R = \{a^n\}, \text{ and } b & \text{if } a^i N \cap a^j R = \{a^m b\}. \end{cases}$$

• General construction due to Jungnickel (1982).

• Using the methods above, the following is known.

#### Theorem. RDS construction of BWs

There is a BW with parameters

$$\left(\frac{q^{d+1}-1}{q-1},q^d\right)$$

whenever (1) q odd and d arbitrary and (2) q and d even.

- (1) Nonlinear hyperplanes of  $GF(q^{d+1})$ : GF(q) due to Bose (1942).
- (2) Lifting of a "Waterloo decomposition" of classical difference sets due to Arasu, et al. (1995).

# Novel Construction of Weighing Matrices

#### Section Summary

- 2 Novel Construction of Weighing Matrices
  - Ingredients
  - Recipie

- Equivalencies of weighing matrices (and BWs):
  - permutations of rows
  - permutations of columns
  - negation of rows
  - negation of columns
- Every weighing matrix is equivalent to one of the following form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & R \\ 1 & D \end{pmatrix}$$

- R is the residual-part.
- D is the derived-part.

#### **Definition.** Simplex Code

- q a prime power and d > 0.
- ullet Form matrix G with columns given by reps. of 1-D subspaces of  $GF(q^{d+1})$  .
- The simplex code is  $S_{q,d} = row(G)$ .

#### **Proposition.** Properties

For  $S_{q,d}$ :

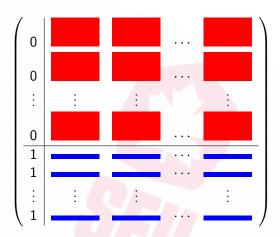
- ullet  $wt(x)=q^d$  for all  $x\in \mathcal{S}_{q,d}/\{oldsymbol{0}\}$ , and
- $dist(x, y) = q^d$  for all  $x, y \in S_{q,d}$  and  $x \neq y$

- Ingredients of unifying construction:
  - A normalized W(v, q) (seed matrix) with residual-part R and derived-part D.
  - A  $W((q^{d+1}-1)/(q-1), q^d)$ , say W.
  - ▶ A simplex code  $S_{q,d}$ .

- Recipie of unifying construction:
  - ▶ Form  $A = W \otimes R$ .
  - ▶ Form *B* by replacing elements of  $S_{q,d}$  by rows of *D*.
  - ► Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

is a 
$$W((v-1)(q^{d+1}-1)/(q-1)+1, q^{d+1})$$
.



• A seed W(8,5)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{1} & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & + & 0 & 0 & + & + & + & + & + \\
0 & 0 & + & 0 & + & - & - & + & + \\
0 & 0 & 0 & + & + & - & - & + & - \\
+ & 0 & 0 & 0 & + & + & - & - & + \\
+ & + & + & + & - & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
+ & + & - & - & 0 & 0 & 0 & + & 0 \\
+ & - & - & + & 0 & 0 & 0 & +
\end{pmatrix}$$

• A classical parameter W(6,5)

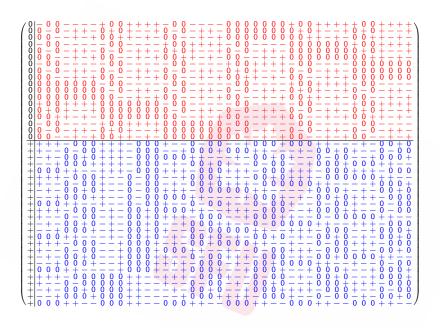
$$W = \begin{pmatrix} - & + & - & 0 & + & + \\ - & - & + & - & 0 & + \\ - & - & - & + & - & 0 \\ 0 & - & - & - & + & - \\ + & 0 & - & - & - & + \\ - & + & 0 & - & - & - \end{pmatrix}.$$

• The simplex code  $S_{5,1}$  (transposed)

- Take  $A = W \otimes R$ .
- Take B to be the matrix formed after replacing the entries of  $S_{5,1}$  by the rows of D.
- Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ 1 & B \end{pmatrix}$$

is a W(43, 25).



## Theorem. (Kharaghani, et al., 2022b)

If there is a W(v,q), then there is a weighing matrix with parameters

$$\left(\frac{(v-1)(q^{d+1}-1)}{q-1}+1,q^{d+1}\right)$$

whenever:

- $\mathbf{0}$  q is odd and every d > 0, and
- $\bigcirc$  q and d are both even.

Seed $(v, k)$	Succident $(v', k')$	Seed $(v, k)$	Succident $(v', k')$
(6,5):	(31, 25), (156, 125), (781, 625)	(16, 3):	(69, 9), (196, 27), (601, 81)
(8, 5):	(43, 25), (218, 125)	(16, 5):	(91, 25), (466, 125)
(8, 7):	(57, 49), (400, 343)	(16, 7):	(121, 49), (856, 343)
(10, 5):	(55, 25), (280, 125)	(16, 9):	(151, 81)
(10, 9):	(91, 81), (820, 729)	(16, 11):	(181, 121)
(12, 5):	(67, 25), (342, 125)	(16, 13):	(211, 169)
(12, 7):	(89, 49), (628, 343)	(18, 13):	(239, 169)
(12, 9):	(111, 81)	(19, 9):	(181, 81)
(13, 9):	(121, 81)	(20, 7):	(153, 49)
(14, 9):	(131, 81)	(20, 13):	(267, 169)
(14.13)	(183, 169)		

# A New Class of BWs

# Section Summary

- 3 A New Class of Balanced Weighing Matrices
  - Seed Matrix
  - Construction

#### • Our example *BW*(19, 9):

- Let G be a finite group not containing the symbol 0.
- For  $A \subseteq G$ , identify  $A = \sum_{g \in A} g$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ .
- For  $A \in \mathbb{Z}[G]$ , write  $A^{(h)} = \sum_{g \in G} a_g g^h$ .

- Let  $\Theta$  be a  $v \times v$  (0, G)-matrix.
- We interpret  $\Theta$  as a matrix over  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ .
- Define  $\Theta^{(h)}$  by  $\Theta^{(h)}_{ij}$ .
- Write  $\Theta^* = (\Theta^{(-1)})^t$ .

## **Definition.** Balanced generalized weighing matrices

- *G* a finite group of order *n*.
- A  $v \times v$  (0, G)-matrix  $\Theta$  is a  $BGW(v, k, \lambda; G)$  if

$$\Theta\Theta^* = (k \cdot e)I + \frac{\lambda G}{n}(J - I).$$

#### **Theorem.** Classical BGWs

- Let q be a prime power and d > 0 an integer.
- For each q and d there is a BGW with parameters

$$\left(\frac{q^{d+1}-1}{q-1}, q^d, q^d - q^{d-1}\right)$$

over  $C_{a-1}$ .

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• A BGW(10, 9, 8; C<sub>4</sub>):

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & 1 & a^3 & a & 0 & 1 & a & a & a \\ a^2 & 1 & a & 1 & a^3 & a & 0 & 1 & a & a \\ a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a & 1 & a^3 & a & 0 & 1 & a \\ a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a & 1 & a^3 & a & 0 & 1 \\ a & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a & 1 & a^3 & a & 0 \\ 0 & a & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a & 1 & a^3 & a \\ a^2 & 0 & a & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a & 1 & a^3 \\ 1 & a^2 & 0 & a & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a & 1 \\ a & 1 & a^2 & 0 & a & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a \\ a^2 & a & 1 & a^2 & 0 & a & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Decomposition matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & 1 & a^3 & a & 0 & 1 & a & a & a \\ a^2 & 1 & a & 1 & a^3 & a & 0 & 1 & a & a \\ a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a & 1 & a^3 & a & 0 & 1 & a \\ a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a & 1 & a^3 & a & 0 & 1 \\ a & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a & 1 & a^3 & a & 0 \\ 0 & a & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a & 1 & a^3 & a \\ a^2 & 0 & a & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a & 1 & a^3 \\ 1 & a^2 & 0 & a & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a & 1 \\ a & 1 & a^2 & 0 & a & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 & a \\ a^2 & a & 1 & a^2 & 0 & a & a^2 & a^2 & a^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Decomposition matrices:

 $\bullet$  Let  $\Theta$  be a BGW with parameters

$$\left(\frac{9^{d+1}-1}{8}, 9^d, 9^d - 9^{d-1}\right)$$

over the aroup  $C_4 = \langle a : a^4 = 1 \rangle$ .

• Decompose  $\Theta$  as

$$\Theta = \Theta_1 + a\Theta_a + a^2\Theta_{a^2} + a^3\Theta_{a^3},$$

where the  $\Theta_i$ s are disjoint (0,1)-matrices.

- Apply  $R_1 \mapsto -R_2 \mapsto -R_1 \mapsto R_2 \mapsto R_1$ .
- Form:

$$\Theta \otimes R_1 = \Theta_1 \otimes R_1 + \Theta_a \otimes R_1^a + \Theta_{a^2} \otimes R_1^{a^2} + \Theta_{a^3} \otimes R_1^{a^3}$$
$$= \Theta_1 \otimes R_1 - \Theta_a \otimes R_2 - \Theta_{a^2} \otimes R_1 + \Theta_{a^3} \otimes R_2$$

• Form D by substituting for the elements of  $S_{9,d}$  the rows of the derived part of  $W_{19}$ .

The matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \Theta \otimes \mathbf{R}_1 \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix}$$

is a balanced weighing matrix.

### Theorem. (Kharaghani, et al., 2022a)

For every d > 0, there is a balanced weighing matrix with parameters

$$\left(\frac{9^{d+2}-9}{4}+1,9^{d+1}\right)$$
.

• These are signings of some of the lonin-type symmetric designs (lonin, 2001).



Why not more infinite families?

• A BGW(15, 7, 3; C<sub>3</sub>):

• This suggests the group  $C_6 \cong \langle b : b^6 = 1 \rangle$  where

• The always exists a  $BGW((7^{d+1}-1)/6,7^d,7^d-7^{d-1};C_6)$ . Therefore ...

# Theorem. New GBRD parameter family

For every d > 0, there is a simple, quasi-residual *GBRD* with parameters

$$\left(\frac{7^{d+2}-7}{3}, 4 \cdot 7^d, 3 \cdot 7^{d-1}\right)$$

over  $C_3$ .

#### Question.

Are these embeddable????

# Done!