

# Complex Hadamard matrices and 3-class association schemes

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We propose a strategy to construct infinite families of complex Hadamard matrices using association schemes, and demonstrate a successful case.

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On the other hand, it is conjectured that no circulant **real** Hadamard matrix of order  $> 4$  exists.

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Unifying principle: association schemes.  
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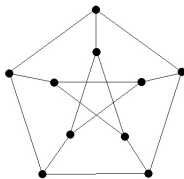
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The matrix  $H = I + \alpha_1 A_1 + \alpha_2 A_2 + \alpha_3 A_3$  is a complex Hadamard matrix if and only if

(i)  $H$  belongs to the subalgebra forming the Bose–Mesner algebra of a strongly regular graph (precise description omitted, already done by Chan–Godsil),

(ii)

$$\alpha_1 + \frac{1}{\alpha_1} = -\frac{2}{q}, \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{1}{\alpha_1}, \quad \alpha_3 = 1,$$

(iii)

$$\alpha_1 + \frac{1}{\alpha_1} = \frac{(q-1)(q-2) - (q+2)r}{q},$$

where  $r = \sqrt{(q-1)(17q-1)} > 0$ .

The case (ii) with  $q = 4$  was found by Chan.