

# Complex Hadamard matrices and 3-class association schemes

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$$= 0 \cdot A_0 + 1 \cdot A_1 + 2 \cdot A_2 + 3 \cdot A_3 + 0 \cdot A_4$$

$$= 1 \cdot A_0 + \xi \cdot A_1 + (-1) \cdot A_2 - \xi \cdot A_3 + 1 \cdot A_4 = H$$

Then  $HH^* = 16I$ , where  $|\xi| = 1$

# Hadamard matrices and generalizations

- A **(real) Hadamard** matrix of order  $n$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $H$  with entries  $\pm 1$ , satisfying  $HH^T = nI$ .
- A **complex** Hadamard matrix of order  $n$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $H$  with entries in  $\{\xi \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\xi| = 1\}$ , satisfying  $HH^* = nI$ , where  $*$  means the conjugate transpose.

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

# Outline

- A problem in algebraic geometry
- Strategy to find complex Hadamard matrices
- A family of 3-class association scheme giving complex Hadamard matrices
- Equivalence and decomposability

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- Describe the image of the map

$$f : (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n(n-1)/2},$$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \left( \begin{array}{cc} x_i & x_j \\ \frac{x_i}{x_j} + \frac{x_j}{x_i} \end{array} \right)_{1 \leq i < j \leq n}$$

An easier (linear) problem is

- Describe the image of the map

$$f : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n(n-1)/2},$$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_i + x_j)_{1 \leq i < j \leq n}$$

The image is

$$(-2 \text{ eigenspace of } T(n) = J(n, 2))^{\perp}.$$

$$\mathbb{C}^{n(n-1)/2} = \langle \mathbf{1} \rangle \oplus V_1 \oplus V_2 \quad \text{as } \text{Sym}(n)\text{-rep.}$$

$$\dim = 1 + (n-1) + \binom{n}{2} - n$$

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$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \left( \frac{x_i}{x_j} + \frac{x_j}{x_i} \right)_{1 \leq i < j \leq n}$$

## Theorem

The image of  $f$  coincides with the set of zeros of the ideal  $I$  in the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{C}[X_{ij} : 1 \leq i < j \leq n]$  generated by

$$g(X_{ij}, X_{ik}, X_{jk})$$

$$h(X_{ij}, X_{ik}, X_{il}, X_{jk}, X_{jl}, X_{kl})$$

where  $i, j, k, l$  are distinct,  $X_{ij} = X_{ji}$ , and

$$g = X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 - XYZ - 4,$$

$$h = (Z^2 - 4)U - Z(XW + YV) + 2(XY + VW).$$

Let me know if you know any references.

D. Leonard pointed out this week:

$$\begin{aligned} & h(X_{0,1}, X_{0,2}, X_{0,3}, X_{1,2}, X_{1,3}, X_{2,3}) \\ &= (X_{0,3}^2 - 4)X_{1,2} - X_{0,3}(X_{0,1}X_{2,3} + X_{0,2}X_{1,3}) \\ &\quad + 2(X_{0,1}X_{0,2} + X_{1,3}X_{2,3}) \\ &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & X_{0,3} & X_{0,2} \\ X_{0,3} & 2 & X_{2,3} \\ X_{0,1} & X_{1,3} & X_{1,2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Why is the image of the map

$$\begin{aligned} f : (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n(n-1)/2}, \\ (x_1, \dots, x_n) &\mapsto \left( \frac{x_i}{x_j} + \frac{x_j}{x_i} \right)_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \end{aligned}$$

relevant to complex Hadamard matrices?

Goethals–Seidel (1970) symmetric regular (real) Hadamard matrix necessarily comes from a strongly regular graph (SRG) on  $4s^2$  vertices

de la Harpe–Jones (1990) SRG  $n$ : prime  $\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$   
→ symmetric circulant complex Hadamard

Godsil–Chan (2010), and Chan (2011) classified complex Hadamard matrices of the form:

$$H = I + xA_1 + yA_2,$$

$A_1 =$  adjacency matrix of a SRG  $\Gamma$ ,

$A_2 =$  adjacency matrix of  $\bar{\Gamma}$ .

and also considered those of the form

$$H = I + xA_1 + yA_2 + zA_3$$

Unifying principle: symmetric association schemes.  
(strongly regular graphs is a special case)

A. Chan (2011) found a complex Hadamard matrix of the form

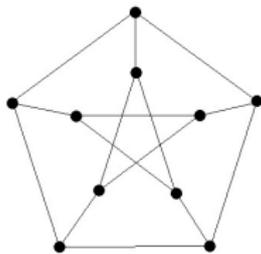
$$H = I + xA_1 + yA_2 + zA_3$$

of order 15 from the line graph  $L(O_3)$  of the Petersen graph  $O_3$ .

$$x = 1, \quad y = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{-15}}{8}, \quad z = 1 \quad (\text{Szöllősi 2010})$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{-11}}{6}, \quad y = -1, \quad z = x \quad (\text{Szöllősi 2010})$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-15}}{4}, \quad y = x^{-1}, \quad z = 1$$



$I + xA + y\bar{A}$  is a type II matrix if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} nI &= (I + xA + y\bar{A})(I + x^{-1}A + y^{-1}\bar{A}) \\ &= I + (x + x^{-1})A + (y + y^{-1})\bar{A} + (xy^{-1} + x^{-1}y)A\bar{A}. \end{aligned}$$

More generally. . . .

If  $H = \alpha_0 A_0 + \alpha_1 A_1 + \alpha_2 A_2 + \dots$  is a type II matrix, where  $A_0 = I, A_1, A_2, \dots$  are the adjacency matrices of a **symmetric** association scheme, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 nl &= HH^* = \dots \alpha_i \alpha_j^{-1} A_i A_j^* + \dots \\
 &= \dots \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_j} A_i A_j + \dots \\
 &= \dots \left( \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_j} + \frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_i} \right) A_i A_j + \dots \\
 &= \dots \left( \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_j} + \frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_i} \right) A_i A_j + \dots + \sum_i A_i^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Diagonalize to get **linear** equations

$$n = \sum_{i < j} \left( \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_j} + \frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_i} \right) P_{hi} P_{hj} + 2 \sum_i P_{hi}^2 \quad (\forall h) \quad x_{ij} P_{hi} P_{hj} + 2 \sum_i P_{hi}^2 \quad (\forall h)$$

where  $A_i = \sum_h P_{hi} E_h$ : spectral decomposition.

Given  $x_{ij}, \exists ?(\alpha_i)$  such that

$$x_{ij} = \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_j} + \frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_i}$$

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$$x_{ij} = \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_j} + \frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_i} \quad (0 \leq i < j \leq d). \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq d} x_{ij} P_{hi} P_{hj} = n - \sum_{i=0}^d P_{hi}^2 \quad (\forall h) \quad (2)$$

**Step 1** Solve the system of linear equations (2) in  $\{x_{ij}\}$

**Step 2** Find  $\{\alpha_i\}$  from  $\{x_{ij}\}$  by (1) using Theorem?.

The theorem only gives a criterion for a given  $(x_{ij})$  to be in the image of the rational map. It does not give how to find preimages.

Given a zero  $(x_{ij})$  of the ideal  $I$ , we know that there exists  $(\alpha_i) \in (\mathbb{C}^\times)^{d+1}$  such that

$$x_{ij} = \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_j} + \frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_i} \quad (0 \leq i < j \leq d). \quad (1)$$

How do we find  $(\alpha_i)$ , and when does  $(\alpha_i) \in (S^1)^{d+1}$  hold? Observe, for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$|\alpha| = 1 \iff -2 \leq \alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha} \leq 2.$$

So we need  $-2 \leq x_{ij} \leq 2$ .

Moreover, if  $x_{ij} \in \{\pm 2\}$  for all  $i, j$ , then  $\alpha_i = \pm \alpha_j$  so the resulting matrix is a scalar multiple of a real Hadamard matrix  $\rightarrow$  Goethals–Seidel (1970).

$$f : (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n(n-1)/2},$$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \left( \frac{x_i}{x_j} + \frac{x_j}{x_i} \right)_{1 \leq i < j \leq n}$$

## Theorem

Suppose  $(x_{ij}) \in$  the image of  $f$ ,  $x_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $-2 < x_{0,1} < 2$ .  
Fix  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 \in S^1$  in such a way that

$$x_{0,1} = \frac{\alpha_0}{\alpha_1} + \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_0}.$$

Define  $\alpha_i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq n$ ) by

$$\alpha_i = \frac{\alpha_0(x_{0,1}\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_0)}{x_{1,i}\alpha_1 - x_{0,i}\alpha_0}.$$

Then  $|\alpha_i| = |\alpha_j|$  and

$$\frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_i} + \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_j} = x_{ij} \quad (0 \leq i < j \leq d). \quad (1)$$

and every  $(\alpha_i)$  satisfying (1) is obtained in this way.

# The procedure

Step 1 Set up the system of equations

$$g(X_{ij}, X_{ik}, X_{jk}) = 0,$$

$$h(X_{ij}, X_{ik}, X_{il}, X_{jk}, X_{jl}, X_{kl}) = 0,$$

$$\sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq d} X_{ij} P_{hi} P_{hj} = n - \sum_{i=0}^d P_{hi}^2$$

Step 2 Eliminate all but one variable  $X_{01}$ , and list all solutions  $X_{01} = x_{01}$  with  $-2 \leq x_{01} \leq 2$ .

Step 3 Without loss of generality we may assume  $\alpha_0 = 1$ . Determine  $\alpha_1$  by

$$\frac{\alpha_0}{\alpha_1} + \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_0} = x_{0,1}.$$

Step 4 Determine  $(\alpha_i)$  by

$$\alpha_i = \frac{\alpha_0(x_{0,1}\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_0)}{x_{1,i}\alpha_1 - x_{0,i}\alpha_0}.$$

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In many known examples of association schemes with  $d = 3$ , Step 2 failed.

### Theorem (Chan)

There are only finitely many **antipodal distance-regular graphs** of diameter 3 whose Bose–Mesner algebra contains a complex Hadamard matrix.

But Chan did find an example.  $L(O_3)$ : the line graph of the Petersen graph.

Our systematic search through the table of Van Dam (1999) revealed the infinite family starting with  $L(O_3)$ .

# An infinite family

Let  $A$  be an association scheme having the eigenmatrix

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{q^2}{2} - q & \frac{q^2}{2} & q - 2 \\ 1 & \frac{q}{2} & -\frac{q}{2} & -1 \\ 1 & -\frac{q}{2} + 1 & -\frac{q}{2} & q - 2 \\ 1 & -\frac{q}{2} & \frac{q}{2} & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Such an association scheme arises from (twisted) symplectic polar graph.  $V = V(2, q)$ ,  $q = 2^n$ ,  $f$ : symplectic form on  $V$ . Define an association scheme on  $V \setminus \{0\}$  by

$$R_1 = \{(x, y) \mid f(x, y) \neq 0, \operatorname{Tr} f(x, y)^e = 0\}, \quad (e, q - 1) = 1$$

$$R_2 = \{(x, y) \mid \operatorname{Tr} f(x, y)^e \neq 0\}, \quad (\text{with Frédéric Vanhove})$$

$$R_3 = \{(x, y) \mid \langle x \rangle_{\operatorname{GF}(q)} = \langle y \rangle_{\operatorname{GF}(q)}\},$$

$\exists$  a complex Hadamard matrix in its Bose–Mesner algebra.

$$q = 4 \iff L(O_3).$$

For the previous family of association schemes, one has

### Theorem

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 ( $\alpha_1 = \alpha_3$ ) forming the Bose–Mesner algebra of a strongly regular graph (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.

# Equivalence and decomposability

Two complex Hadamard matrices are said to be **equivalent** if one is obtained from the other by multiplication by monomial matrices. (We do not allow taking transposition or complex conjugation.)

The three families of complex Hadamard matrices obtained are

- 1 pairwise inequivalent?
- 2 decomposable into generalized tensor product?

We use Haagerup sets for the first, and Nomura algebras for the second.

The Haagerup set  $\text{Haag}(H)$  is

$$\text{Haag}(H) = \{H_{i_1, j_1} H_{i_2, j_2} \overline{H_{i_1, j_2} H_{i_2, j_1}} \mid 1 \leq i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2 \leq n\}.$$

For a complex Hadamard matrix  $H$ , we define a vector  $Y_{j_1, j_2}$  whose  $i$ -th entry is given by

$$Y_{j_1, j_2}(i) = H_{i, j_1} \overline{H_{i, j_2}}$$

The Nomura algebra  $N(H)$  is

$$N(H) = \{M \in \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C}) \mid Y_{j_1, j_2} \text{ is an eigenvector of } M \text{ for all } j_1, j_2\}.$$

Both  $\text{Haag}(H)$  and  $N(H)$  are invariant under equivalence.

(i)  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_3$

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

Computing  $\text{Haag}(H)$ , we see that the complex Hadamard matrices in (i), (ii) and (iii) are pairwise inequivalent.

**Problem** In each of the cases (i), (ii) and (iii),  $H \cong \overline{H}$ ?

(i)  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_3$

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

Computing  $N(H)$ , we see that the complex Hadamard matrices in (iii) are not equivalent to generalized tensor product.

$$\dim N(H) = 2 \implies N(H) \text{ primitive} \iff \text{not gen. tensor}$$

by Hosoya–Suzuki 2003.

## Problems

- Equivalence of  $H$  and  $\bar{H}$ ?
- Are there any other families?
- Are those complex Hadamard matrices belonging to a Bose–Mesner algebra isolated? Craigen 1991 showed that  $\exists$  uncountably many inequivalent complex Hadamard matrices of composite order.

Thank you very much for your attention!

Happy birthday, Chris!