

# A matrix approach to Yang multiplication, II

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# About this talk

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- Yang's theorem

## Part II:

- Complementary sequences
- A Laurent polynomial associated to a sequence
- A two-variable Laurent polynomial associated to a matrix
- A new proof of Yang's theorem using matrices

# Hadamard matrices

A matrix  $\mathbf{H} \in \{-1, 1\}^{n \times n}$  is called a **Hadamard matrix** if  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^\top = n\mathbf{I}$ .

Examples (Sylvester matrices):

$$[1], \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \dots$$

If a Hadamard matrix of order  $n$  exists, then  $n = 1, 2$  or  $4 \mid n$ .  
Conversely,

## Conjecture

$$4 \mid n \implies \exists \text{Hadamard matrix of order } n.$$

# Goethals-Seidel (1970)

Let  $A, B, C, D$  be **circulant** matrices of order  $n$ , and

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} A & BR & CR & DR \\ -BR & A & -D^T R & C^T R \\ -CR & D^T R & A & -B^T R \\ -DR & -C^T R & B^T R & A \end{bmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & \cdot & \\ & & \cdot & \\ 1 & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AA^T + BB^T + CC^T + DD^T = 4nI,$$

then

$$HH^T = 4nI,$$

because

$$R^{-1} = R^T, \quad XR = RX^T, \quad XY = YX$$

for  $X, Y \in \{A, B, C, D\}$ .

$$AA^T + BB^T + CC^T + DD^T = 4nI$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{n \times n \text{ Circulant matrices with entries in } \mathbb{Z}\} \\ & = \text{Group algebra of the cyclic group } C_n \text{ over } \mathbb{Z} \\ & = \mathbb{Z}[x]/(x^n - 1) \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}[x, x^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

If  $A$  is the circulant matrix with first row

$$a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in \{\pm 1\}^n, \quad A \leftarrow \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x^i = f_a(x)$$

Then  $A^T \leftarrow f_a(x^{-1})$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} AA^T & \iff f_a(x)f_a(x^{-1}) \pmod{(x^n - 1)} \\ & \iff f_a(x)f_a(x^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

$$AA^T + BB^T + CC^T + DD^T = 4nI$$

Given  $a, b, c, d \in \{\pm 1\}^n$ , form circulant matrices  $A, B, C, D$  with first row  $a, b, c, d$ , respectively. Then

$$AA^T + BB^T + CC^T + DD^T = 4nI$$

is equivalent to

$$f_a(x)f_a(x^{-1}) + f_b(x)f_b(x^{-1}) + f_c(x)f_c(x^{-1}) + f_d(x)f_d(x^{-1}) \\ \equiv 4n \pmod{(x^n - 1)}$$

which will follow if

$$f_a(x)f_a^*(x) + f_b(x)f_b^*(x) + f_c(x)f_c^*(x) + f_d(x)f_d^*(x) = 4n,$$

where  $f^*(x) = f(x^{-1})$  for  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x, x^{-1}]$ .

# Complementary sequences

A quadruple  $(a, b, c, d)$  of sequences of integers is said to be **complementary** if

$$f_a(x)f_a^*(x) + f_b(x)f_b^*(x) + f_c(x)f_c^*(x) + f_d(x)f_d^*(x) \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

We do not assume,  $a, b, c, d$  have the same length, nor entries are in  $\{\pm 1\}$ . But if  $a, b, c, d \in \{\pm 1\}^n$ , then the **constant term** of the left-hand side is  $4n$ .

Example (**base seq.** and **non-periodic complementary seq.**):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{BS}(m, n) &\subset \{\pm 1\}^m \times \{\pm 1\}^m \times \{\pm 1\}^n \times \{\pm 1\}^n, \\ \mathbf{NCS}(n) &\subset (\{\pm 1\}^n)^4. \end{aligned}$$

Recall  $\mathbf{NCS}(n) \neq \emptyset \implies \exists$  Hadamard matrix of order  $4n$

# From BS to NCS

C.H. Yang (Proc. A.M.S., 1989), Theorem 4, states

$$\begin{aligned}BS(m + 1, m) \neq \emptyset, BS(n + 1, n) \neq \emptyset \\ \implies NCS((2m + 1)(2n + 1)) \neq \emptyset \\ (\implies \exists \text{Hadamard matrix}).\end{aligned}$$

Conjecture  $BS(n + 1, n) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $n$ .

**In this talk:** a matrix approach to prove this theorem.

Is the proof difficult?

The proof is constructive but it has no explanation. We expanded the original proof (9 lines) to a 9 page paper (arXiv:1705.05062v2), which I now explain in detail.



# Yang Multiplication Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}) &\in BS(m+1, m) \\ &\subset \{\pm 1\}^{m+1} \times \{\pm 1\}^{m+1} \times \{\pm 1\}^m \times \{\pm 1\}^m, \\ (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{e}) &\in BS(n+1, n) \\ &\subset \{\pm 1\}^{n+1} \times \{\pm 1\}^{n+1} \times \{\pm 1\}^n \times \{\pm 1\}^n, \\ (\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{d}') &\in (\{\mathbf{0}, \pm 1\}^{2m+1})^4, \\ (\mathbf{f}', \mathbf{g}', \mathbf{h}', \mathbf{e}') &\in (\{\mathbf{0}, \pm 1\}^{2n+1})^4.\end{aligned}$$

Our **matrix** approach:

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}) &\in (\{\pm 1\}^{(2n+1) \times (2m+1)})^4, \\ (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) &\in NCS((2m+1)(2n+1)), \\ \mathbf{Q} &= \mathbf{f}'^{*\top} \mathbf{a}' + \mathbf{g}'^\top \mathbf{c}' - \mathbf{e}'^\top \mathbf{b}'^* + \mathbf{h}'^\top \mathbf{d}'.\end{aligned}$$

# Lagrange identity

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a commutative ring with involutive automorphism  $*$ . Let  $a, b, c, d, f, g, h, e \in \mathcal{R}$ . Set

$$\begin{aligned}q &= af^* + cg - b^*e + dh, \\r &= bf^* + dg^* + a^*e - ch^*, \\s &= ag^* - cf - bh - d^*e, \\t &= bg - df + ah^* + c^*e.\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}qq^* + rr^* + ss^* + tt^* \\= (aa^* + bb^* + cc^* + dd^*)(ee^* + ff^* + gg^* + hh^*).\end{aligned}$$

We use this with

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[x^{\pm 1}, y^{\pm 1}], \quad * : x \mapsto x^{-1}, \quad y \mapsto y^{-1}.$$

# The polynomials $f_a(x)$ and $\psi_a(x)$

For  $a = (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ .

recall

$$f_a(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x^i.$$

It is more convenient to use

$$\psi_a(x) = x^{1-n} f_a(x^2).$$

Example:  $a = (a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3)$ ,  $b = (b_0, b_1, b_2)$

$$f_a(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3,$$

$$\psi_a(x) = a_0 x^{-3} + a_1 x^{-1} + a_2 x^1 + a_3 x^3,$$

$$f_b(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2,$$

$$\psi_b(x) = b_0 x^{-2} + b_1 x^0 + b_2 x^2.$$

# Yang Multiplication Theorem (C.H. Yang, 1989)

$(a, b, c, d) \in BS(m + 1, m), \quad (f, g, h, e) \in BS(n + 1, n).$

Then  $\exists(\mathbf{q}, r, s, t) \in NCS((2m + 1)(2n + 1)).$

Yang's approach: produce a sequence  $\mathbf{q}$  with

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{q}}(x) &= f_a(x^2)f_{f^*}(x^{2(2m+1)}) + x f_c(x^2)f_g(x^{2(2m+1)}) \\ &\quad - x^{2m+1} f_{b^*}(x^2)f_e(x^{2(2m+1)}) \\ &\quad + x^{2m+2} f_d(x^2)f_h(x^{2(2m+1)}). \end{aligned}$$

Our **matrix** approach: produce a matrix  $Q$  with (see the next slide for definition of  $\psi_Q$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_Q(x, \mathbf{y}) &= \psi_a(x)\psi_f^*(\mathbf{y}) + \psi_c(x)\psi_g(\mathbf{y}) \\ &\quad - \psi_b^*(x)\psi_e(\mathbf{y}) + \psi_d(x)\psi_h(\mathbf{y}). \end{aligned}$$

# $\psi_Q(x, y)$ for an $n \times m$ matrix $Q$

Let  $q_0, \dots, q_{n-1}$  denote the row vector of  $Q$ :

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ q_1 \\ \vdots \\ q_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Define

$$\psi_Q(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} y^{2i+1-n} \psi_{q_i}(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x^{\pm 1}, y^{\pm 1}].$$

Example: Let  $Q = (q_{ij})$  be a  $3 \times 4$  matrix. Then  $\psi_Q(x, y)$  is

$$\sum \text{ of } \begin{bmatrix} q_{00}x^{-3}y^{-2} & q_{01}x^{-1}y^{-2} & q_{02}x^1y^{-2} & q_{03}x^3y^{-2} \\ q_{10}x^{-3}y^0 & q_{11}x^{-1}y^0 & q_{12}x^1y^0 & q_{13}x^3y^0 \\ q_{20}x^{-3}y^2 & q_{21}x^{-1}y^2 & q_{22}x^1y^2 & q_{23}x^3y^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

# $\psi_a(x)$ and $\psi_Q(x, y)$

## Lemma

For sequences  $a, b$  regarded as row vectors,

$$\psi_{b^\top a}(x, y) = \psi_a(x)\psi_b(y).$$

For a matrix  $Q$ , denote by  $\text{seq}(Q)$  the sequence obtained by concatenating the rows of  $Q$ .

## Lemma

If  $Q$  has  $m$  columns, then

$$\psi_{\text{seq}(Q)}(x) = \psi_Q(x, \mathbf{x}^m).$$

# Our approach

Recall that our **matrix** approach was:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_Q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \psi_a(\mathbf{x})\psi_f^*(\mathbf{y}) + \psi_c(\mathbf{x})\psi_g(\mathbf{y}) \\ &\quad - \psi_b^*(\mathbf{x})\psi_e(\mathbf{y}) + \psi_d(\mathbf{x})\psi_h(\mathbf{y}).\end{aligned}$$

This is achieved by defining

$$\begin{aligned}Q &= \mathbf{f}^{*\top} \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{g}^\top \mathbf{c} \\ &\quad - \mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{b}^* + \mathbf{h}^\top \mathbf{d},\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{b}^*$  denotes the reverse of  $\mathbf{b}$ . Note  $\psi_b^*(\mathbf{x}) = \psi_{b^*}(\mathbf{x})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{\text{seq}(Q)}(\mathbf{x}) &= \psi_a(\mathbf{x})\psi_f^*(\mathbf{x}^m) + \psi_c(\mathbf{x})\psi_g(\mathbf{x}^m) \\ &\quad - \psi_b^*(\mathbf{x})\psi_e(\mathbf{x}^m) + \psi_d(\mathbf{x})\psi_h(\mathbf{x}^m).\end{aligned}$$

# Complementary sequences

## Lemma

$$f_a(x^2)f_a^*(x^2) = \psi_a(x)\psi_a^*(x).$$

Thus

$a, b, c, d$ : complementary

$$\iff f_a f_a^* + f_b f_b^* + f_c f_c^* + f_d f_d^* \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\iff \psi_a \psi_a^* + \psi_b \psi_b^* + \psi_c \psi_c^* + \psi_d \psi_d^* \in \mathbb{Z}$$



# Recall the Lagrange identity

Let  $a, b, c, d, f, g, h, e \in \mathbb{Z}[x^{\pm 1}, y^{\pm 1}]$ . Set

$$q = af^* + cg - b^*e + dh,$$

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Then

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# The Lagrange identity (consequence)

Let  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ ,  $f, g, h, e \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,

$$Q = f^{*t}a + g^t c - e^t b^* + h^t d,$$

$$R = f^{*t}b + g^{*t}d - e^t a^* - h^{*t}c,$$

$$S = g^{*t}a - f^t c - h^t b + e^t d^*,$$

$$T = g^t b - f^t d - h^{*t}a + e^t c^*.$$

Then  $Q, R, S, T \in \mathbb{Z}^{n \times m}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & (\psi_Q \psi_Q^* + \psi_R \psi_R^* + \psi_S \psi_S^* + \psi_T \psi_T^*)(x, y) \\ &= (\psi_a \psi_a^* + \psi_b \psi_b^* + \psi_c \psi_c^* + \psi_d \psi_d^*)(x) \\ & \quad \times (\psi_e \psi_e^* + \psi_f \psi_f^* + \psi_g \psi_g^* + \psi_h \psi_h^*)(y). \end{aligned}$$

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$$S = g^{*t}a - f^t c - h^t b + e^t d^*,$$

$$T = g^t b - f^t d - h^{*t}a + e^t c^*.$$

Then for  $q = \text{seq}(Q)$ ,  $r = \text{seq}(R)$ ,  $s = \text{seq}(S)$ ,  $t = \text{seq}(T)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\psi_q \psi_q^* + \psi_r \psi_r^* + \psi_s \psi_s^* + \psi_t \psi_t^*)(x) \\ &= (\psi_a \psi_a^* + \psi_b \psi_b^* + \psi_c \psi_c^* + \psi_d \psi_d^*)(x) \\ & \quad \times (\psi_e \psi_e^* + \psi_f \psi_f^* + \psi_g \psi_g^* + \psi_h \psi_h^*)(x^m). \end{aligned}$$

# Interleaving

For  $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{m-1})$ , define

$$\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{0} = (a_0, 0, a_1, 0, \dots, 0, a_{m-1}) \quad (\text{length } 2m - 1),$$

$$\mathbf{0}/\mathbf{a} = (0, a_0, 0, \dots, 0, a_{m-1}, 0) \quad (\text{length } 2m + 1).$$

## Lemma

$$\psi_{\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{0}}(\mathbf{x}) = \psi_{\mathbf{0}/\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}) = \psi_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}^2).$$

## Theorem

Let  $(a, b, c, d) \in BS(m + 1, m)$ ,  $(f, g, h, e) \in BS(n + 1, n)$ .  
Then there exists  $(q, r, s, t) \in NCS((2n + 1)(2m + 1))$ .

# Construction of the matrices $Q, R, S, T$

Let  $(a, b, c, d) \in BS(m + 1, m)$ ,  $(f, g, h, e) \in BS(n + 1, n)$ .

Then

$$a, b \in \{\pm 1\}^{m+1}, c, d \in \{\pm 1\}^m, f, g \in \{\pm 1\}^{n+1}, h, e \in \{\pm 1\}^n.$$

Set

$$a' = a/0, b' = b/0, c' = 0/c, d' = 0/d \in \{0, \pm 1\}^{2m+1},$$
$$f' = f/0, g' = g/0, h' = 0/h, e' = 0/e \in \{0, \pm 1\}^{2n+1}.$$

Define  $(2n + 1) \times (2m + 1)$  matrices with entries in  $\{\pm 1\}$ :

$$Q = f'^{*t}a' + g'^{t}c' - e'^{t}b'^{*} + h'^{t}d',$$

$$R = f'^{*t}b' + g'^{*t}d' - e'^{t}a'^{*} - h'^{*t}c',$$

$$S = g'^{*t}a' - f'^{t}c' - h'^{t}b' + e'^{t}d'^{*},$$

$$T = g'^{t}b' - f'^{t}d' - h'^{*t}a' + e'^{t}c'^{*}.$$

$$(a, b, c, d), (f, g, h, e) \rightarrow (Q, R, S, T) \rightarrow$$

Set  $q = \text{seq}(Q)$ ,  $r = \text{seq}(R)$ ,  $s = \text{seq}(S)$ ,  $t = \text{seq}(T)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (\psi_q \psi_q^* + \psi_r \psi_r^* + \psi_s \psi_s^* + \psi_t \psi_t^*)(x) \\ &= (\psi_{a'} \psi_{a'}^* + \psi_{b'} \psi_{b'}^* + \psi_{c'} \psi_{c'}^* + \psi_{d'} \psi_{d'}^*)(x) \\ & \quad \times (\psi_{e'} \psi_{e'}^* + \psi_{f'} \psi_{f'}^* + \psi_{g'} \psi_{g'}^* + \psi_{h'} \psi_{h'}^*)(x^{2m+1}) \\ &= (\psi_a \psi_a^* + \psi_b \psi_b^* + \psi_c \psi_c^* + \psi_d \psi_d^*)(x^2) \\ & \quad \times (\psi_e \psi_e^* + \psi_f \psi_f^* + \psi_g \psi_g^* + \psi_h \psi_h^*)(x^{2(2m+1)}) \\ & \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(q, r, s, t) \in \text{NCS}((2m+1)(2n+1))$ . This proves Yang's theorem (see [arXiv:1705.05062](https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.05062) for details).