

# Euclidean designs and relative $t$ -designs in $Q$ -polynomial schemes

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## Notation

$\mathbb{R}^n \supset \mathcal{S}^{n-1}$  : unit sphere centered at the origin.

$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$  : canonical inner product of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\|\mathbf{x}\| := \sqrt{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}}$

$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  : the vector space of polynomials,

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n), \text{ over } \mathbb{R}.$$

$\text{Hom}_i(\mathbb{R}^n)$  : the subspace consisting of

**homogeneous** polynomials of **degree  $i$** .

$\mathcal{P}_l(\mathbb{R}^n) := \bigoplus_{i=0}^l \text{Hom}_i(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

$\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ : the subspace consisting of all the

**harmonic** polynomials.

$\text{Harm}_l(\mathbb{R}^n) := \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \text{Hom}_l(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

When we consider polynomials on a subset

$X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  we use the following notation.

$\mathcal{P}(X), \text{Hom}_l(X), \mathcal{P}_l(X), \mathcal{H}(X), \text{Harm}_l(X)$

## Notation

$\mathbb{R}^n \supset Y$ : finite set:  $\{\|y\| \mid y \in Y\} = \{r_1, \dots, r_p\}$ ,

Possibly one of  $r_i$  is 0.

$$S_i = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|y\| = r_i\},$$

$$Y_i = S_i \cap Y \quad (1 \leq i \leq p)$$

$S = \cup_{i=1}^p S_i$ ,  $S$  is called the **support** of  $Y$

$Y$  is supported by  $p$  concentric  
spheres

$w : Y \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , a **weight** function

$$w(Y_i) = \sum_{y \in Y_i} w(y),$$

$$|S^{n-1}| = \int_{S^{n-1}} d\sigma(x), \quad |S_i| = \int_{S_i} d\sigma_i(x),$$

If  $r_i = 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{|S_i|} \int_{S_i} f(x) d\sigma_i(x) = f(0)$

for  $\forall f(x) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$|S_i| = r_i^{n-1} |S^{n-1}| \text{ for } r_i > 0.$$

## Euclidean designs

**Definition**(Neumaier-Seidel, 1988 [24])

$(Y, w)$  is a Euclidean  $t$ -design if

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \frac{w(Y_i)}{|S_i|} \int_{S_i} f(y) d\sigma_i(y) = \sum_{y \in Y} w(y) f(y)$$

for any polynomial  $f(y)$  of degree at most  $t$ ,  
where  $w(Y_i) = \sum_{y \in Y_i} w(y)$ .

**Remarks:**

- $p = 1$ ,  $Y \neq \{0\}$ ,  $w(y) \equiv 1 \implies$  Spherical  $t$ -designs.
- Assume  $0 \notin Y$ .

Then  $(Y, w)$  is a Euclidean  $t$ -design if and only if  $(Y \cup \{0\}, w)$  is a Euclidean  $t$ -design ( $w(0)$  can be any positive real number).

## Natural lower bounds

Theorem (Möller 1979) [23]

(Original theorem was given in terms of general cubature formula)

$\mathbb{R}^n \supset Y$ : a finite set, with the support  $S = S_1 \cup \dots \cup S_p$

(1)  $Y$ : Euclidean  $2e$ -design  $\implies |Y| \geq \dim(\mathcal{P}_e(S))$

(2)  $Y$ : Euclidean  $(2e + 1)$ -design

(a)  $e$  odd, or  $e$  even and  $0 \notin Y$

$$\implies |Y| \geq 2 \dim(\mathcal{P}_e^*(S))$$

(b)  $e$  even and  $0 \in Y$

$$\implies |Y| \geq 2 \dim(\mathcal{P}_e^*(S)) - 1$$

$$\mathcal{P}_e(\mathbb{R}^n) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^e \text{Hom}_i(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad \mathcal{P}_e^*(\mathbb{R}^n) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{e}{2} \rfloor} \text{Hom}_{e-2i}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

## Definition of Tight designs

If “ = ” holds then  $(Y, w)$  is called a tight  $t$ -design on  $p$  concentric spheres in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Moreover if

$$(1) \dim(\mathcal{P}_e(S)) = \dim(\mathcal{P}_e(\mathbb{R}^n)) \text{ (for } t = 2e),$$

or

$$(2) \dim(\mathcal{P}_e^*(S)) = \dim(\mathcal{P}_e^*(\mathbb{R}^n)) \text{ (for } t = 2e + 1)$$

holds, then  $(Y, w)$  is called a tight  $t$ -design of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

If  $p \geq \lfloor \frac{e+\varepsilon_S}{2} \rfloor + 1$  or  $p \geq \lfloor \frac{e}{2} \rfloor + 1$ , then (1) and (2) (resp.) are always satisfied. ( $\varepsilon_S = 0$  if  $0 \notin S$ ,  $\varepsilon_S = 1$  if  $0 \in S$ )

Formulas for  $\dim(\mathcal{P}_e(S))$ ,  $\dim(\mathcal{P}_e^*(S))$  are explicitly known.

$$\dim(\mathcal{P}_i(\mathbb{R}^n)) = \binom{n+e-i-1}{e-i},$$

$$\dim(\mathcal{P}_e(\mathbb{R}^n)) = \binom{n+e}{e} = \sum_{i=0}^e \binom{n+e-i-1}{e-i},$$

$$\dim(\mathcal{P}_e^*(\mathbb{R}^n)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{e}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n+e-1-2i}{e-2i}.$$

The explicit formula for  $\dim(\mathcal{P}_e(S))$  is known and it depends on the number  $p$  of spheres supporting  $Y$  (see [20, 15]).

Let  $\varepsilon_S = 1$  if  $0 \in S$ , and  $\varepsilon_S = 0$  if  $0 \notin S$ . Then

$$\dim(\mathcal{P}_e(S)) = \varepsilon_S + \sum_{i=0}^{2(p-\varepsilon_S)-1} \binom{n+e-i-1}{e-i} < \dim(\mathcal{P}_e(\mathbb{R}^n)),$$

for  $p \leq \lfloor \frac{e+\varepsilon_S}{2} \rfloor$ .

$$\dim(\mathcal{P}_e(S)) = \sum_{i=0}^e \binom{n+e-i-1}{e-i} = \dim(\mathcal{P}_e(\mathbb{R}^n)),$$

for  $p \geq \lfloor \frac{e+\varepsilon_S}{2} \rfloor + 1$ .

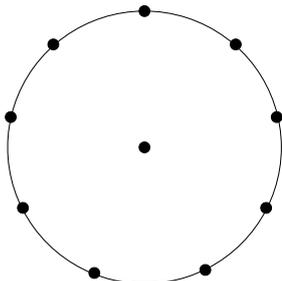
Therefore, in particular for  $t = 2e$ ,  $0 \notin Y$  and  $p \leq \lfloor \frac{e}{2} \rfloor$ , we can express the lower bound of the cardinality of a Euclidean  $2e$ -design as

$$|Y| \geq h_e + h_{e-1} + \dots + h_{e-p+1}, \text{ where } h_i = \dim(\text{Hom}_i(\mathbb{R}^n))$$

## Euclidean 8-designs in $\mathbb{R}^2$

case  $0 \in Y$

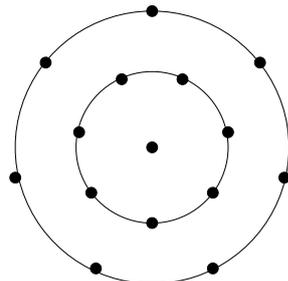
(regular 9-gon)  $\cup$  {0}



tight 8-design on 2  
concentric spheres in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

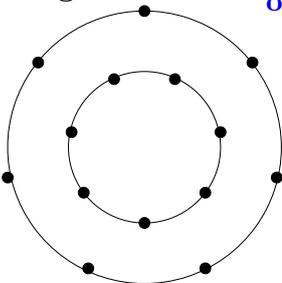
regular 9-gon is a tight spherical 8-design  
regular 7-gon is a tight spherical 6-design

(2 regular 7-gons)  $\cup$  {0}



tight 8-design of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

case  $0 \notin Y$   
2 regular 7-gons



$$\dim(\mathcal{P}_4(\mathbb{R}^2)) = 15$$

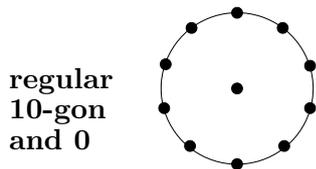
2 consecutive polygons are at the position obtained by rotating  
one of them  $1/2 \times$  central angle of the other

tight 8-design on 2  
concentric spheres in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Ratio of the radii  $r_i/r_{i+1}$  can be any real number  $\neq 1$ ,  
and the weight is constant on each circle, and the ratio  
of the weights  $w_i/w_1$  are determined explicitly by  $r_i$ .  
 $r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_p$ .

If  $t = 9$ , then we have the following

Case  $0 \in X$ . regular 10-gon is a tight spherical 9-design



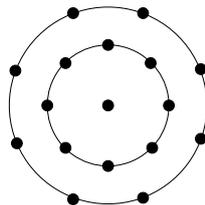
regular  
10-gon  
and 0

$$t = 9 \ (k = 2), \ p = 2$$

$$|X| = 11$$

tight 9-design on 2  
concentric spheres

regular 8-gon is a  
tight spherical 7-design



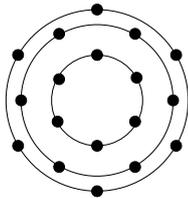
regular  
8-gons and 0

$$t = 9 \ (k = 2), \ p = k + 1 = 3$$

$$|X| = 17$$

tight 9 design on 3 spheres  
tight 9 design of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Case  $0 \notin X$ . regular hexagon is a  
tight spherical 5-design



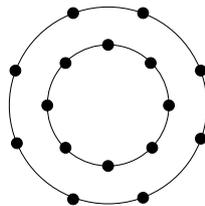
hexagons

$$t = 9,$$

$$p = k + 1 = 3$$

$$|X| = 18$$

tight 9-design of  $\mathbb{R}^2$



tight 9 design on  
2 concentric spheres

regular 8-gons

$$t = 9, \ p = 2$$

$$|X| = 16$$

Ratio of the radii can be any real number  $\neq 1$ , and the weight is constant on each circle and the ratio of the weights are determined explicitly by the radii.

Note that  $\dim(\mathcal{P}_4^*(\mathbb{R}^2)) = 9$ .

## Existence Theorem

(Seymour and Zaslavsky (1984)[26])

If the  $N$  is sufficiently large natural integer, then there always exists a Euclidean  $t$ -design  $Y$  satisfying  $|Y| = N$ . (The lower bound of  $N$  depends on  $n$  and  $t$ ).

Our interest is finding or classifying tight Euclidean  $t$ -design, or Euclidean  $t$ -design  $Y$ , with smallest possible cardinality.

## Euclidean designs and coherent configurations

$(Y, w)$ : Euclidean  $t$ -design on  $p$  concentric spheres.

$$Y = \cup_{i=1}^p Y_i.$$

Notation

$$A(Y_i, Y_j) := \left\{ \frac{x \cdot y}{\|x\| \|y\|} \mid x \in Y_i, y \in Y_j, x \neq y \right\},$$

$$s_{i,j} := |A(Y_i, Y_j)|, (s_{i,j} = s_{j,i}).$$

( $Y_i$  is a  $s_{i,i}$ -distance set. )

$$A(Y_i, Y_j) = \{ \alpha_{i,j}^{(\nu)} \mid 1 \leq \nu \leq s_{i,j} \}.$$

$$\alpha_{i,i}^{(0)} = 1, 1 \leq i \leq p$$

The following facts are known for tight Euclidean  $t$ -designs on  $p$  concentric spheres.

$$\underline{t = 2e}$$

Theorem (B-B 2006 ([3]))

$Y$ : tight  $2e$ -design on  $p$  concentric spheres

$\implies$

(1)  $w$  is constant on each shell  $Y_i$ .

(2)  $s_{i,j} \leq e$  ( $1 \leq i \leq p$ ),

in particular,  $Y_i$  is at most an  $e$ -distance set.

When  $t$  is odd, the situation is a bit complicated.

Theorem (Möller 1979 [23], B-B-Hirao-Sawa 2010 ([10]))

$Y$ : tight  $2e + 1$ -design on  $p$  concentric spheres

$\implies$

(1) If  $e$  is odd, then  $Y$  is antipodal and  $0 \notin Y$ .

Moreover  $w(-y) = w(y)$  for any  $y \in Y$  (centrally symmetric).

(2) If  $e$  is even and  $0 \in Y$ , then  $Y$  is antipodal and  $w$  is centrally symmetric.

(3) If  $e$  is even,  $0 \notin Y$ , and  $p \leq \frac{e}{2} + 1$ , then  $Y$  is antipodal and  $w$  is centrally symmetric.

Theorem (et-B 2006 [15])

Let  $Y$  be an antipodal Euclidean tight  $(2e + 1)$ -design.

Assume  $w$  is centrally symmetric.

Let  $Y = Y^* \cup (-Y^*)$ ,  $Y^* \cap (-Y^*) = \emptyset$  or  $\{0\}$ .

Then the following hold:

- (1)  $w$  is constant on each shell  $Y_i$ .
- (2) Each  $Y_i^* = Y_i \cap Y^*$  is an at most  $e$ -distance set.
- (3)  $s_{i,j} \leq e + 1$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq p$  in particular each  $Y_i$  is at most an  $(e + 1)$ -distance set.
- (4) If  $w$  is constant on  $Y \setminus \{0\}$ , then  $p - \varepsilon_S \leq e$ .

Theorem (B-B 2010 ([6]))

(1)  $Y$ :  $t$ -design.

Assume

$$w(y) \equiv w_\nu, y \in Y_\nu \ (1 \leq \nu \leq p),$$

$$s_{\lambda,\nu} + s_{\nu,\mu} \leq t - 2(p - 2) \text{ for any } \lambda, \nu, \mu \ (1 \leq \lambda, \nu, \mu \leq p).$$

$\implies Y$  has the structure of a coherent configuration.

(2)  $Y$  antipodal  $t$ -design.

Assume

$$w(y) \equiv w_\nu, x \in X_\nu \ (1 \leq \nu \leq p).$$

$$s_{\lambda,\nu} + s_{\nu,\mu} - \delta_{\lambda,\nu} - \delta_{\nu,\mu} \leq t - 2(p - 2), \text{ for any}$$

$$\lambda, \nu, \mu \ (1 \leq \lambda, \nu, \mu \leq p).$$

$\implies Y$  has the structure of a coherent configuration..

If  $p = 2$  and  $X_1, X_2 \neq \{0\}$ , then these conditions are satisfied.

## Known results for the classification of tight Euclidean $t$ -designs

- $n = 2$  :
 

Verlinden-Cools (1992) Bajnok (2006) B-B-Hirao-Sawa (2010)	}	← those with $p \leq \lfloor \frac{t}{4} \rfloor + 1$ are completely described
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  - $t = 2$  :
    - B-B-Suprijanto (2007, Europ. J. Comb)
    - $Y$ : 1-innerproduct set with a negative inner product,  $|Y| = n + 1$
  - $t = 3$  :
    - Bajnok (2006)[1], etB (2005) [15]
    - $Y = \{\pm r_i e_i \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $w(r_i e_i) = \frac{1}{nr_i^2}$ ,
    - $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is a canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - We **cannot** expect the complete classification for  $t \geq 4$  in general.  
 If  $p$  is not small enough, many deformations (non-rigidity) are usually possible (B-B-Suprijanto, 2007)
- So, here we **mainly** study the cases where  $t \geq 4$  and  $p = 2$ .

## Known results (continued)

For odd  $t$  we have the following:

- $t = 5, p = 2$  : etB (2006) [15].  
 $Y = \{0\} \cup Y_1$ ,  $Y_1$  is a spherical tight 5-design,  
 If  $0 \notin Y$ , then  $Y$  is similar to one the 4 cases in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  
 $n = 2, 3, 5, 6$  .
- $t = 7, p = 2$  : B-B (2009) [4]  
 similar to one of the 3 cases in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   $n = 2, 4, 7$ .
- $t = 9, p = 2$  : B-B (2011) [5]), non-existence for  $n \geq 3$ .
- $t \geq 11, p = 2$  : **classification is still open for  $n \geq 3$  .**
- $t = 2e + 1 \geq 13, p = 2$  : B-B to appear in [7] (2014)  
 $n$  is bounded above by a certain function of  $t$ . This  
 means for  $n \geq 3$ , there are finitely many  $t$ -designs for  
 each odd  $t \geq 13$ .

For even  $t$  we have the following:

- $t = 4, p = 2$  : etB [16] (2009), several interesting examples for  $n = 2, 4, 5, 6$  and 22.

For  $n = 22$ , examples related to tight 4-(23, 7, 1) design in  $J(23, 7)$  and tight 4-design in  $H(11, 3)$ . Also partial classification.

B-B [6] (2010) further partial classification

- $t = 6, p = 2$  : B-B-Shigezumi [12] (2012), one interesting example with  $n = 22$  and  $|X| = 275$   $\text{McL}/U_4(3) + 2025(\text{McL}/M_{22})$

For  $p \geq 3$  (and  $t \geq 4$ ), some sporadic examples are known.

- $p = 3, t = 7, n = 3, |X| = 26$  : Bajnok [2] (2007)
- $p = 3, t = 5, n = 4, |X| = 22$ : Hirao-Sawa-Zhou [21] (2011)

Classical design theory  
(Combinatorial design theory)



Designs in  $\mathbb{Q}$ -polynomial  
association schemes



Spherical designs



Euclidean designs



Relative designs in  $\mathbb{Q}$ -polynomial  
association schemes

## Relative $t$ -designs in $\mathbb{Q}$ -polynomial association schemes

Some more notation:

$\mathfrak{X} = (X, \{R_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq d})$ :  $\mathbb{Q}$ -polynomial association scheme.

$\mathcal{F}(X)$  : the vector space of all the real valued functions defined on  $X$ .

We identify  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{|X|}$  and consider  $\chi \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  as a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^{|X|}$  whose  $x$ -entry is defined by  $\chi(x)$  for  $x \in X$ .

For  $Y \subset X$ , let  $\phi_Y \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  be defined by

$$\phi_Y(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x \in Y, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (\text{characteristic function of } Y)$$

If  $Y = \{u\}$ , then we write  $\phi_u$ .

Let  $L_i(X)$  be the subspace of  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  spanned by all the column vectors of  $E_i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq d$ . Then we have  $\mathcal{F}(X) = L_0(X) \perp L_1(X) \perp \cdots \perp L_d(X)$ .

Designs in a Q-polynomial association scheme

**Definition**(Delsarte 1973, 1977)

$t$ : natural integer

$\chi \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  is a  $t$ -design of  $\mathfrak{X}$

$\iff$

$E_j \chi = 0$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, t$ .

The following facts are well known

Let  $Y \subset X$ .

$\phi_Y$  is a  $t$ -design in Johnson scheme  $J(v, k)$

$\iff Y$  is a classical  $t$ - $(v, k, \lambda)$  design in a  $v$  point set.

$\phi_Y$  is a  $t$ -designs in Hamming schemes  $H(d, q)$

$\iff Y$  is an orthogonal array

Natural lower bound (Delsarte (1973) [17])

$\chi \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ : a  $t$ -design,  $Y := \{y \in X \mid \chi(y) \neq 0\}$ ,

$$\implies |Y| \geq m_0 + m_1 + \cdots + m_e$$

$$\text{where } e = \lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor, m_i = \text{rank}(E_i) = \dim(L_i(X))$$

Compare with the lower bound of Euclidean  $2e$ -design  
(mentioned in p. 6) !

Definition (Delsarte (1977) [18])

Let  $u_0 \in X$  and  $\phi_{u_0} \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  (the characteristic function of  $u_0$ ).

$\chi \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  is a **relative  $t$ -design** with respect to  $u_0$



$E_j \chi$  and  $E_j \phi_{u_0}$  are linearly dependent for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, t$ .

## Delsarte(1977) [18]

- $\chi \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  is a  $t$ -design  
 $\implies \chi$  is a relative  $t$ -design w.r.t. any  $u_0$  in  $X$
- $\phi_{X_i}$  is a relative  $d$ -design w.r.t.  $u_0$   
 for any  $i = 0, 1, \dots, d$   
 $(X_i = \{x \in X \mid (x, u_0) \in R_i\})$   
 $\phi_{X_i}$  is called a trivial design.

$$\mathfrak{X} = H(n, 2) = (X, \{R_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq d})$$

$$X = F_2^n, F_2 = \{0, 1\}, R_i = \{(x, y) \mid \#\{j \mid x_j \neq y_j\} = i\},$$

where  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in X$ .

Let  $u_0 = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,

$$X_k = \{x \in X \mid (x, u_0) \in R_k\}.$$

$X_k$  has the structure of  $J(n, k)$  induced by  $H(n, 2)$ .

[Delsarte\(1977\) \[18\]](#)

Let  $Y \subset X_k$ . Then the following holds.

$Y$  is a relative  $t$ -design w.r.t.  $u_0$



$Y$  is a  $t$ -design of  $J(n, k)$

Some more notation:

Canonical inner product:

$$f \cdot g = \sum_{x \in X} f(x)g(x), \quad f, g \in \mathcal{F}(X).$$

$\{\phi_u \mid u \in X\}$  forms the canonical orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{F}(X)$ .

$L_j(X) :=$  subspace spanned by  $\{E_j \phi_u \mid u \in X\}$ .

column space of  $E_j$

Then we have

- $\dim(L_j(X)) = m_j = \text{rank}(E_j)$ ,
- $\mathcal{F}(X) = L_0(X) \perp L_1(X) \perp \cdots \perp L_d(X)$

(with respect to the canonical inner product given above).

Consider  $(Y, w)$ ,

$$Y \subset X, \quad Y_r = Y \cap X_r$$

$w$ : a positive weight function on  $Y$

Let  $p := |\{r \mid Y \cap X_r \neq \emptyset\}|$  and

$$\{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_p\} = \{r \mid Y \cap X_r \neq \emptyset\}$$

Let  $S = X_{r_1} \cup \cdots \cup X_{r_p}$ : support of  $Y (= Y_{r_1} \cup \cdots \cup Y_{r_p})$ .

Definition B-B (2012) [8] (New formulation)

$(Y, w)$  := positive weighted set in a  $Q$ -polynomial association scheme  $\mathfrak{X}$

$S := X_{r_1} \cup \dots \cup X_{r_p}$  support of  $Y$ . Then

$(Y, w)$  is a relative  $t$ -design w.r.t.  $u_0 \in X$

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \frac{w(Y_{r_i})}{|X_{r_i}|} \sum_{x \in X_{r_i}} f(x) = \sum_{y \in Y} w(y) f(y)$$

for any  $f \in L_0(X) + L_1(X) + \dots + L_t(X)$

Here  $w(Y_{r_i}) := \sum_{y \in Y_{r_i}} w(y)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq p$ ).

Theorem B-B (2012) [8]

(New formulation of Delsarte's idea)

Let  $\chi$  be a nonnegative function on  $X$ ,  $\bar{\chi} \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  be the function defined by

$$\bar{\chi}(x) := \frac{1}{|X_i|} \sum_{y \in X_i} \chi(y) \text{ for any } x \in X_i.$$

Let  $Y := \{x \in X \mid \chi(x) \neq 0\}$ .

Then the following (1), (2) and (3) are equivalent.

- (1)  $\chi$  is a relative  $t$ -design with respect to  $u_0$ .
- (2)  $E_j \chi$  and  $E_j \bar{\chi}$  are linearly dependent for any  $j = 1, 2, \dots, t$ .
- (3) Let  $w = \chi|_Y$ . Then  $(Y, w)$  is a relative  $t$ -design with respect to  $u_0$ .

This theorem shows that the original definition of relative  $t$ -design by Delsarte and the new formulation given in p.25 are equivalent !

Theorem (B-B (2012) [8])

Let  $(Y, w)$  be a relative  $2e$ -design. Then

$$|Y| \geq \dim(L_0(S) + L_1(S) + \cdots + L_e(S))$$

holds. Here  $S = X_{r_1} \cup X_{r_2} \cup \cdots \cup X_{r_p}$ .

$(Y, w)$  is called **tight** if equality holds in above.

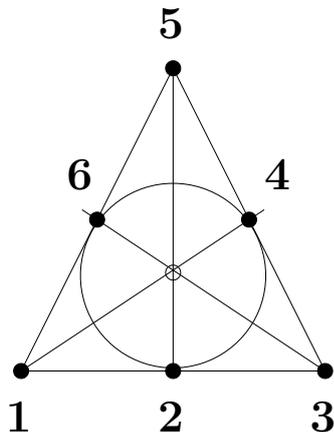
- The explicit formula for

$$\dim(L_0(S) + L_1(S) + \cdots + L_e(S))$$

are not known in general.

**It is important to determine the explicit formula.**

## Examples



relative tight 2-design in  $H(6, 2)$   
w.r.t.  $(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$

$|Y| = 7$   
remove one point from  
symmetric 2- $(7, 3, 1)$  design

set of points on a line  
considered in  $F_2^6$

e.g.  $\{1, 2, 3\} \Rightarrow (1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0) \in X_3$

$\{3, 6\} \Rightarrow (0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1) \in X_2$

$Y$  consists of 4 blocks with 3 points,  
3 blocks with 2 points,

tight 4- $(23, 7, 1)$  design

$\Rightarrow$  relative tight 4-design in  $H(22, 2)$  w.r.t.  $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$

Known facts related to the relative  $t$ -designs of  $Q$ -polynomial schemes.

### Explicit formula for the lower bound.

It was conjectured that

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(L_0(S) + L_1(S) + \cdots + L_e) \\ = m_e + m_{e-1} + \cdots + m_{e-p+1} \end{aligned}$$

holds for  $Q$ -polynomial schemes and Xiang proved it for the case  $H(n, 2)$  (2012) [27].

B-B-Suda-Tanaka (2013) [13], give a condition using the property of Terwilliger algebra of  $\mathfrak{X}$  which implies the formula given above. In particular  $H(d, q)$  satisfies this condition. See also Li-B-B (2014) [22].

Theorem (B-B-B (2014))

$\mathfrak{X} = (X, \{R_r\}_{0 \leq r \leq d})$  :  $\mathbb{Q}$ -polynomial scheme.

$(Y, w)$ : tight relative  $2e$ -design on  $X$  with respect to  $u_0 \in X$ .

$G$ : the automorphism group of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

Assume that the stabilizer  $G_{u_0}$  of  $u_0$  acts **transitively** on every shell  $X_r$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq d$ .

Then the weight function  $w$  is **constant** on each

$$Y_{r_i} = Y \cap X_{r_i},$$

where  $\{r_1, \dots, r_p\} = \{r \mid Y \cap X_r \neq \emptyset\}$

## Tight relative 2-designs on $H(n, 2)$

### Theorem (B-B-B-2014)

Let  $(Y, w)$  be a tight relative 2-design of  $H(n, 2)$  supported by 2 shells,  $S = X_{r_1} \cup X_{r_2}$ .

Let  $N_{r_i} = |Y_{r_i}|$ ,  $w(y) = w_{r_i}$  on  $y \in Y_{r_i}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

Then  $N_{r_1} + N_{r_2} = n + 1$ , and the following (1), (2), (3), and (4) hold.

(1)  $2 \leq N_{r_1}, N_{r_2} \leq n - 1$  holds and

$$\frac{w_{r_2}}{w_{r_1}} = \frac{N_{r_1} r_1 (n - N_{r_1}) (n - r_1)}{r_2 (N_{r_1} - 1) (n + 1 - N_{r_1}) (n - r_2)}.$$

(2) For any integers  $r_1, r_2$  satisfying  $1 \leq r_1 < r_2 \leq n - 1$ , the following holds

$$A(Y_{r_i}) = \left\{ \frac{2(n - r_i)r_i N_{r_i}}{n(N_{r_i} - 1)} \right\}, \text{ for } i = 1, 2$$

$$A(Y_{r_1}, Y_{r_2}) = \left\{ \frac{n(r_1 + r_2) - 2r_1 r_2}{n} \right\}$$

This means that  $Y = Y_{r_1} \cup Y_{r_2}$  has a **structure of coherent configuration**. We also determined existence and nonexistence for all the feasible parameters for  $n \leq 30$ .

(3) If  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$ , and there exists Hadamard matrix of size  $\frac{1}{2}n + 1$ , then we can construct a tight relative 2 design  $Y \subset X_2 \cup X_{\frac{n}{2}}$  ( $r_1 = 2, r_2 = \frac{n}{2}$ ) whose weights satisfy  $\frac{w_{r_2}}{w_{r_1}} = \frac{8}{n+2}$ , i.e.,  **$w$  is not constant on  $Y$** .

(4) If  $n \leq 30$  and  $Y$  is not related to the Hadamard matrices given above, then the weight function is constant on  $Y$ .

Recently Hong Yue (student at Hebei Normal Univ.) explicitly determined all the feasible parameters for  $31 \leq n \leq 50$  and determined existence and non existence for each of them.

She checked (4) is also true for  $31 \leq n \leq 50$ .

Except the example given in (3), all the known examples are corresponding to symmetric designs.

The classification problem is still open.

Outline of the the method we use for Q-polynomial scheme  $\mathfrak{X}$  in general.

Let  $(Y, w)$  be a relative  $2e$  design of Q-polynomial scheme  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

Let  $S = X_{r_1} \cup \cdots \cup X_{r_p}$  be the support of  $Y$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  be the restriction of  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  to  $S$ .

We consider the inner product on  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  defined by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{W_{r_i}}{|X_{r_i}|} \sum_{x \in X_{r_i}} f(x)g(x)$$

for  $f, g \in \mathcal{F}(S)$ .

For a Q-polynomial scheme it is known that if  $f, g \in L_i(X)$  then  $fg \in \sum_{l=0}^{2i} L_{2l}(X)$  holds.

Let  $\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N\} \subset L_0(X) \perp L_1(X) \perp \dots \perp L_e(X)$ .

Since  $\varphi_i \varphi_j \in L_0(X) \perp L_1(X) \perp \dots \perp L_{2e}(X)$  and we can apply the formula of the definition of relative  $t$ -design to  $\varphi_i \varphi_j$ .

Assume that  $\{\varphi_1|_S, \dots, \varphi_N|_S\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L_0(S) + L_1(S) + \dots + L_e(S)$

with respect to the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  given in p.34,

where  $L_i(S)$  is the restriction of  $L_i(X)$  to  $S$ .

Let  $H$  be the matrix whose rows are indexed by  $Y$  with  $N$  columns and  $(y, i)$ -entry is defined by  $\sqrt{w(y)}\varphi_i(y)$ .

Then we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} ({}^t H H)(i, j) &= \sum_{y \in Y} w(y) \varphi_i(y) \varphi_j(y) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{x \in X_{r_i}} \frac{W_{r_i}}{|X_{r_i}|} \varphi_i(x) \varphi_j(x) = \delta_{i,j}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\text{rank}(H) = |Y| \geq N = \dim(L_0(S) + L_1(S) + \dots + L_e(S)).$$

Assume that  $(Y, w)$  is a tight relative  $2e$ -design.

Then  $|Y| = N$  holds. Then  $H$  is an invertible matrix and  $H^t H = I$  holds.

Therefore we have

$$(H^t H)(y_1, y_2) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sqrt{w(y_1)w(y_2)} \varphi_i(y_1) \varphi_i(y_2) = \delta_{y_1, y_2}.$$

This implies

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \varphi_i(x) \varphi_i(y) = \delta(x, y) \frac{1}{w(y)}.$$

If the stabilizer  $G_{u_0}$  of  $u_0$  in the automorphism group  $G$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  acts transitively on each shell  $X_r$  ( $1 \leq r \leq d$ ), we can prove the following:

For any  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N \in L_0(X) + L_1(X) + \dots + L_e(X)$  with the property that  $\{\varphi_1|_S, \dots, \varphi_N|_S\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L_0(S) + L_1(S) + \dots + L_e(S)$ , the following hold.

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \varphi_i(x)^2 = \frac{1}{w_{r_i}}, \quad \text{for any } x \in Y_{r_i}, i = 1, \dots, p$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \varphi_i(x)\varphi_i(y) = 0, \quad \text{for any } x, y \in Y, x \neq y.$$

Tight relative 2-designs supported by 2 shells of  $J(n, d)$   
 (The following is done joint with Y. Zhu (student at SJTU)  
 and Eiichi Bannai. )

For the relative 2-design in  $J(n, d)$  on 2 shells  $X_{r_1} \cup X_{r_2}$ ,  
 we found out that  $(n - 1)$  column vectors  $\phi_u$  of  $E_1$ , at  
 $u \in X_1$  and the column vector  $\phi_0(\equiv 1)$  of  $E_0$  span  
 $L_0(S) + L_1(S)$ , i.e.,  $\dim(L_0(S) + L_1(S)) = m_1 + m_0 = n$ .  
 Starting from these  $n$  functions, we compute orthonormal  
 basis of  $L_0(S) + L_1(S)$  and determined all the feasible  
 parameters  $n, d, r_1, r_2, N_{r_1}, N_{r_2}$  and the relations between  
 the points in  $Y$ , for  $n \leq 100$ .

At this moment the remaining possible parameter up to  $n = 100$  is for  $n = 16, 36, 45, 64, 96, 100$ .

All of them corresponds to the constant weight.

All of the remaining cases have the structure of coherent configurations.

For  $n = 16, 36, 45$ ,  $Y$  is 1-distance set and using the symmetric design we actually constructed tight relative 2-designs.

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