# Remarks on generalizations of association schemes and Design theories Part I

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18 June, 2014 Summer School 2014 (Sendai) **Thm:** A tight 2t-design on X can be considered as a Q-poly. (association) scheme.

X = ?

(i): X = a Johnson scheme.

(ii): X = a Q-poly. scheme (Delsarte '73).

(iii): X = a sphere (Delsarte-Goethals-Seidel '77).

(iv): X = a rank one compact symmetric space (Bannai-Hoggar '80's).

**Rem:** (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i), (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)

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What we have to do?

**Step 1:** Define a generalization of Q-poly. schemes including rank one compact symmetric spaces.

Step 2: Define designs on such generalized schemes.

**Step 3:** Prove the theorem.

### Recent generalizations from other view points

**Kuribayashi–Matsuo,** "Association schemeoids and Their Categories", to appear in Applied Categorical Structures.

**Barg–Skriganov,** "Association schemes on general measure spaces and zero-dimensional Abelian groups", arXiv:1310.5359.

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#### Plan of this talk:

- (1): Prove the theorem for X = a Q-polynomial scheme.
- (2): Generalize Q-polynomial schemes and designs on them.
- (3): Check a sphere can be considered as such a generalized scheme.
- (4): Prove the theorem for such generalized schemes.
  - (1): morning, (2),(3),(4): afternoon

## $\S 1$ : For X= a Q-polynomial scheme

I: a (d+1)-points set. X: a finite set with  $|X| \geq 2$ .

 $R: X \times X \to I$ : a symm. surj. map.  $R_i := R^{-1}(i)$ .

When is  $(X, \{R_i\}_{i \in I})$  a Q-poly. scheme?

 $\mathbb{C}^X$ : the set of  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued functions on X.

$$\langle f, g \rangle_X := \sum_{x \in X} f(x) \overline{g(x)} \text{ for } f, g \in \mathbb{C}^X.$$

$$M(X,\mathbb{C}) := \mathbb{C}^{X \times X} \simeq \operatorname{End}(\mathbb{C}^X).$$

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Fact:  $(X, \{R_i\}_{i \in I})$  is a Q-polynomial scheme  $\iff$  there exist filterations

{constants} = 
$$P_0(I) \subset P_1(I) \subset \cdots \subset P_d(I) = \mathbb{C}^I$$
  
{constants} =  $P_0(X) \subset P_1(X) \subset \cdots \subset P_d(X) = \mathbb{C}^X$ 

such that

- (i): $P_j(I) \cdot P_k(I) = P_{j+k}(I)$  for j, k with  $j + k \le d$ .
- (ii):dim  $P_1(I) = 2 \iff \dim P_j(I) = j + 1$ .
- (iii): $R^*(P_j(I)) = \text{Span-}\{\pi_0, \pi_1, \dots, \pi_j\}$  for each  $j = 0, \dots, d$  where  $\pi_j \in \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^X)$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $P_j(X)$ .

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#### Rem:

$$P_j(I) = P_j(I), P_j(X) = P_j(X).$$
  
 $P_j(X) = P_j(X) - P_{j+1}(X)$ 

$$P_j(X) \cdot P_k(X) = P_{j+k}(X).$$

$$\mathfrak{A}_X:=R^*\mathbb{C}^I=\operatorname{Span-}\{\pi_j\mid j=0,\ldots,d\}$$
 : the Bose–Mesner algebra.

There exists  $i_0 \in I$  such that  $R_{i_0} = \Delta := \{(x, x) \mid x \in X\}.$ 

We fix a Q-poly. scheme X and such a filteration  $\{\text{constants}\} = P_0(X) \subsetneq P_1(X) \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq P_d(X) = \mathbb{C}^X$ 

**Def:**  $\emptyset \neq Y \subset X$  is a t-design  $(1 \leq t \leq d)$   $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\longleftrightarrow}$  For each  $f \in P_t(X)$ ,

$$\frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{x \in X} f(x) = \frac{1}{|Y|} \sum_{y \in Y} f(y).$$

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Thm (Fisher's inequality): For any 2t-design Y on X ( $2t \le d$ ),

$$|Y| \geq \dim_{\mathbb{C}} P_t(X).$$

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**Proof:** We show the map  $P_t(X) \to \mathbb{C}^Y$ ,  $f \mapsto f|_Y$  preserves the natural inner-products up to scalar. In fact, for each  $f, g \in P_t(X)$ ,

$$\langle f, g \rangle_X = \frac{|X|}{|X|} \sum_{x \in X} f(x) \overline{g(x)}$$

$$= \frac{|X|}{|Y|} \sum_{y \in Y} f(y) \overline{g(y)} = \frac{|X|}{|Y|} \langle f|_Y, g|_Y \rangle_Y$$

(Q.E.D.)

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We used  $P_t(X) \cdot \overline{P_t(X)} = P_t(X) \cdot P_t(X) = P_{2t}(X)$ .

$$|Y| \geq \dim_{\mathbb{C}} P_t(X)$$
.

 $|Y| = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} P_t(X) \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{\longleftrightarrow} Y$  is tight.

Ex:

 $\Omega = \mathbb{F}_2^3 \setminus \{0\}$ .  $X = \binom{\Omega}{3}$ : a Johnson scheme.

 $Y = \{V \setminus \{0\} \mid V \subset \mathbb{F}_2^3, \text{ 2-dim. subspace}\} \subset X.$ 

 $\Rightarrow Y$  is a tight 2-design on X with

$$|Y| = 7 = {|\Omega| \choose 1} = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} P_1(X).$$

$$|Y| \geq \dim_{\mathbb{C}} P_t(X).$$

 $|Y| = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} P_t(X) \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{\longleftrightarrow} Y$  is tight.

Y: a tight 2t-design on X.

 $R^Y := R|_{Y \times Y} : Y \times Y \to I_Y$ , where  $I_Y := R(Y \times Y)$ .

 $R_i^Y := (R_i^Y)^{-1}(i) \text{ for } i \in I_Y.$ 

Thm (Delsarte '73):  $(Y, \{R_i^Y\}_{i \in I_Y})$  is a Q-poly. scheme.

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**Thm:** A tight 2t-design Y on X is a Q-poly. scheme.

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$$\Omega = \mathbb{F}_2^3 \setminus \{0\}$$
.  $X = \binom{\Omega}{3}$ : a Johnson scheme.

$$R: X \times X \to \{0, 1, 2, 3\}, (x_1, x_2) \mapsto |x_1 \setminus x_2|.$$

$$Y = \{V \setminus \{0\} \mid V \subset \mathbb{F}_2^3, \text{ 2-dim. subspace}\} \subset X.$$

 $\Rightarrow Y$  is a tight 2-design on X with |Y| = 7.

$$I_Y := R(Y \times Y) = \{0, 2\}.$$

$$R^{Y}(y_1, y_2) = 2 \iff y_1 \neq y_2 \text{ for } y_1, y_2 \in Y.$$

 $\Rightarrow Y \simeq K_7$  as Q-poly. schemes.

**Thm:** A tight 2t-design Y on X is a Q-poly. scheme  $(t \ge 1)$ .

#### **Proof:**

 $R^Y := R|_{Y \times Y} : Y \times Y \to I_Y$ , where  $I_Y := R(Y \times Y)$ .  $d_Y := |I_Y| - 1$ .  $P_i(I_Y) := P_i(I)|_{I_Y}$ ,  $P_j(Y) := P_j(X)|_Y$ .

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#### Obs:

$$P_j(I_Y)\cdot P_k(I_Y) = P_{j+k}(I_Y), P_j(Y)\cdot P_k(Y) = P_{j+k}(Y).$$
  
 $\{\text{const.}\} = P_0(I_Y) \nsubseteq \cdots \nsubseteq P_{d_Y}(I_Y) = \mathbb{C}^{I_Y}.$   
 $\{\text{const.}\} = P_0(Y) \nsubseteq \cdots \nsubseteq P_t(Y) = \mathbb{C}^Y \text{ (:: the tightness of } Y).$   
 $P_t(X) \to P_t(Y) \quad f \mapsto f|_{Y} \text{ is an isometry}.$ 

$$P_t(X) \to P_t(Y), \ f \mapsto f|_Y$$
 is an isometry.  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} P_1(I_Y) = 2.$ 

#### Obs:

$$P_j(I_Y) \cdot P_k(I_Y) = P_{j+k}(I_Y), P_j(Y) \cdot P_k(Y) = P_{j+k}(Y).$$
  
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It is enough to show that  $\pi_j^Y := \pi_j|_{Y\times Y} \in M(Y,\mathbb{C}) \simeq \operatorname{End}(\mathbb{C}^Y)$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $P_j(Y)$  for  $j=0,\ldots,t$  and  $d_Y:=|I_Y|-1\leq t \ (\Rightarrow d_Y=t).$ 

**Goal:**  $\pi_j^Y := \pi_j|_{Y\times Y} \in M(Y,\mathbb{C}) \simeq \operatorname{End}(\mathbb{C}^Y)$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $P_j(Y)$  for  $j=0,\ldots,t$ , and  $d_Y := |I_Y| - 1 \le t$ .

**Step 1:**  $\pi_j^Y$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $P_j(Y)$  (up to scalar).

**Step 2:**  $\pi_t^Y(y_1, y_2) = 0$  for  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$  with  $y_1 \neq y_2$  ( $\Rightarrow I_Y \setminus \{i_0\}$  are zeros of a function in  $P_t(I)$ ).

**Step 3:** The number of zeros of any function in  $P_k(I)$  on  $I \leq k$  for each  $k = 0, \ldots, d$ .

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**Step 1:**  $\pi_j^Y$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $P_j(Y)$ .

Fact(the reproducing kernel): Z=X or Y. Let  $e_1^Z,\ldots,e_m^Z\in P_j(Z)$  be an o.n.b. Then  $K\in M(Z,\mathbb{C})\simeq \mathrm{End}(\mathbb{C}^Z)$  defined by

$$K(z_1, z_2) := \sum_{k=1}^{m} e_k^Z(z_1) \overline{e_k^Z(z_2)}$$

gives the orthogonal projection onto  $P_j(Z)$ .

 $P_j(X) \to P_j(Y), f \mapsto f|_Y$ : isometry

⇒ Step 1 can be proved!

**Step 2:**  $\pi_t^Y(y_1, y_2) = 0$  for  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$  with  $y_1 \neq y_2$ .

Fix  $y_1,y_2\in Y$  with  $y_1\neq y_2$ . Since  $\pi_t^Y=\mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{C}^Y}$ , we have  $\pi_t^Y(y_1,y_2)=0$ .

Step 2 is completed!

**Step 3:** The number of zeros of any function in  $P_k(I)$  on  $I \leq k$  for each k = 0, ..., d.

 $P_1(I) = \mathbb{C}\{\varpi\} + \{\text{const.}\} \text{ since } \dim_{\mathbb{C}} P_1(I_Y) = 2 \Rightarrow P_k(I) = \text{Span-}\{\varpi^l \mid l = 0, \dots, k\}.$ 

**Lem:**  $\varpi:I\to\mathbb{C}$ : injective

#### **Proof of Lemma:**

 $\varpi(i) = \varpi(i')$  for  $i, i' \in I$  $\Rightarrow F(i) = F(i')$  for any  $F \in \mathbb{C}^I = \text{Span-}\{\varpi^l \mid l = 0, \dots, d\}.$ (Q.E.D.)

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For each  $a \in I$ , we put  $\varpi_a \in P_1(I) \backslash P_0(I)$  with  $\varpi_a(a) = 0$  (unique).

By the division of "polynomials", we have

**Lem:**  $F \in \mathbb{C}^I$  and  $\{a_1, \ldots, a_m\} = \text{the zeros of } F$ . Then  $F = c \cdot \varpi_{a_1} \cdot \cdots \cdot \varpi_{a_m} \in P_m(I)$  for  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ .

⇒ Step 3 can be proved!

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We obtained the theorem below.

**Thm:** A tight 2t-design Y on X is a Q-poly. scheme.

On the afternoon session: We will generalize the thorem for compact Hausdorff Q-polynomial schemes!

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