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On Orthogonal Latin Squares

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History

Leonhard Euler [Euler 1782]

- the problem of 36 officers, 6 ranks, 6 regiments
- he concluded that no two 6×6 LS are orthogonal



L. Euler,

Recherches sur une nouvelle espèce de quarrés magiques,
Verh. Zeeuw. Genootsch. Wetensch. Vlissingen, 9, pp.
85–239, 1782



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- Construction: single-step for n odd, double-step for $n = 4k > 0$.



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[Zhu Lie 1982]: the most elegant disproof of Euler's conjecture



A Resolution of Euler's Conjecture

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There exists a pair of orthogonal LS for all $n > 0$ with exception of $n = 2$ and $n = 6$.



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If n is a power of a prime, then $N(n) = n - 1$.

Hint: $L_i(x, y) = x + i * y$, where $i, x, y \in \mathbb{F}_n$, field with n elements.



Lower Bounds for $N(n), n \leq 100$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0			1	2	3	4	1	6	7	8
10	2	10	5	12	3	4	15	16	3	18
20	4	5	3	22	6	24	4	26	5	28
30	4	30	31	5	4	5	6	36	4	5
40	7	40	5	42	5	6	4	46	7	48
50	6	5	5	52	5	6	7	7	5	58
60	4	60	4	6	63	7	5	66	5	6
70	6	70	7	72	5	5	6	6	6	78
80	9	80	8	82	6	6	6	6	7	88
90	6	7	6	6	6	6	7	96	6	8
100	8									



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Quasigroup

Definition

A *quasigroup* is a set Q with a binary relation $*$ such that for all elements a and b , the following equations have unique solutions:

$$a * x = b \quad \text{and} \quad y * a = b.$$

Fact

Latin squares \leftrightarrow multiplication tables of finite quasigroups



MQQ: Multivariate Quadratic Quasigroup

- A quasigroup $(Q, *)$ of order 2^d , $a * b = c$, $a, b, c \in Q$.
- under a fixed bijection $\rho : Q \mapsto \{0, \dots, 2^d - 1\}$,

$$\rho(a) = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$$

$$\rho(b) = (y_1, \dots, y_d)$$

$$\rho(c) = (f_1, \dots, f_d)$$

- $a * b = c \Leftrightarrow (x_1, \dots, x_d) *_{vv} (y_1, \dots, y_d) = (f_1, \dots, f_d)$.
- f_i are **quadratic** Boolean polynomials w.r.t x_1, \dots, y_d .



Motivation

Applications in MQQ based cryptosystems [Gligoroski et al. 08]

- Construction of MQQs of higher order and number of that
- Construction of MQQs of different types and number of that

Answers so far

- a randomized approach, of order $\sim 2^{14}$ [Ahlawat et al. 09]
- by T-functions [Samardjiska et al. 2010]
- based on matrix algebra [Chen et al. 2010]



Construction of MQQs

MQQ generating function

For any \mathbb{A} such that correspondingly $\mathbf{A}_1^*, \mathbf{A}_2^*$, satisfy that

$$\det(\mathbf{A}_1^*) = \det(\mathbf{A}_2^*) = 1,$$

the vector valued operation $(x_1, \dots, x_d) *_{vv} (y_1, \dots, y_d)$ equal to

$$\mathbb{A} \odot \left[\mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{pmatrix} \right] \cdot \left[\mathbf{B}_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_d \end{pmatrix} \right] + \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{B}_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_d \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{c}$$

defines a MQQ for any **nonsingular** matrices $\mathbf{B}_1, \mathbf{B}_2$ and vector \mathbf{c} .



Construction of MQQs

From \mathbb{A} to $(\mathbf{A}_1^*, \mathbf{A}_2^*)$

Let $\mathbb{A} = [a_{ij}]_{d \times d}$, where $a_{ij} = (f_1^{ij}, \dots, f_d^{ij})$.

$$\mathbf{A}_1^* = \mathbf{I} + \begin{bmatrix} (f_1^{ij}, \dots, f_d^{ij}) \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{pmatrix};$$

$$\mathbf{A}_2^* = \mathbf{I} + \begin{bmatrix} (g_1^{ij}, \dots, g_d^{ij}) \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_d \end{pmatrix}.$$

- \mathbf{I} : Identity matrix. \odot : symbolic dot product.
- $f_k^{ij} = g_j^{ik}$, for $1 \leq i, j, k \leq d$.



Construction of orthogonal LS

Orthogonal Latin squares of order 2^d

Consider two LS Q_1 and Q_2 defined by quasigroups

$$Q_1 : (x_1, \dots, x_d) *_1 (y_1, \dots, y_d) = (f_1, \dots, f_d);$$

$$Q_2 : (x_1, \dots, x_d) *_2 (y_1, \dots, y_d) = (g_1, \dots, g_d).$$

When they overlap, we have a new mapping defined by

$$(x_1, \dots, x_d) *_{vv} (y_1, \dots, y_d) = (f_1, \dots, f_d, g_1, \dots, g_d).$$

If it is surjective, then we obtain an orthogonal Latin square.



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$$(x_1, \dots, x_d) *_v (y_1, \dots, y_d) = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 & B_2 \\ B_3 & B_4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$



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If $\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} B_1 & B_2 \\ B_3 & B_4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 1$, then Q_1 and Q_2 are orthogonal.



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By choosing appropriate B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4 and c , there are

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Hint: Det of the block matrix !

$$\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} B_1 & B_2 \\ B_3 & B_4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det(I_d - B_1^{-1} \cdot B_2 \cdot B_4^{-1} \cdot B_3) = 1.$$



Linear mutually orthogonal Latin squares

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Then $\{Q_0, Q_1, \dots, Q_{2^d-2}\}$ defines a complete set of MOLS of order 2^d , if characteristic polynomial of B is a primitive polynomial of degree d .



Linear mutually orthogonal Latin squares

Existence of B

For a primitive polynomial $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_{d-1}x^{d-1} + x^d$,

$$\text{let } B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & a_{d-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$



Linear mutually orthogonal Latin squares

Number of choices of B [Choudhury 2005]

Let $\phi(\cdot)$ be Euler's totient function. Number of choices of B is

$$\prod_{i=1}^{d-1} (2^d - 2^i) \cdot \frac{\phi(2^d - 1)}{d}.$$



Quadratic orthogonal Latin squares

$${}^1\mathbb{A} = \begin{bmatrix} (1\ 0\ 1) & (0\ 1\ 1) & (1\ 1\ 0) \\ (1\ 0\ 1) & (0\ 1\ 1) & (0\ 1\ 1) \\ (1\ 0\ 1) & (0\ 1\ 1) & (1\ 0\ 1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^2\mathbb{A} = \begin{bmatrix} (1\ 0\ 1) & (1\ 1\ 0) & (0\ 1\ 1) \\ (1\ 1\ 0) & (1\ 1\ 0) & (0\ 1\ 1) \\ (0\ 1\ 1) & (1\ 1\ 0) & (0\ 1\ 1) \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbb{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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$$Q_1 : {}^1\mathbb{A} \odot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q_2 : {}^2\mathbb{A} \odot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot B \cdot \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} + B \cdot \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$



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$x_1x_2x_3$	0	(0, 0)	(1, 5)	(2, 1)	(3, 4)	(4, 2)	(5, 7)	(6, 3)	(7, 6)
	1	(1, 1)	(3, 6)	(4, 7)	(6, 0)	(2, 3)	(0, 4)	(7, 5)	(5, 2)
	2	(2, 2)	(5, 3)	(7, 4)	(0, 5)	(6, 7)	(1, 6)	(3, 1)	(4, 0)
	3	(3, 3)	(7, 0)	(1, 2)	(5, 1)	(0, 6)	(4, 5)	(2, 7)	(6, 4)
	4	(4, 4)	(0, 7)	(6, 5)	(2, 6)	(7, 1)	(3, 2)	(5, 0)	(1, 3)
	5	(5, 5)	(2, 4)	(0, 3)	(7, 2)	(1, 0)	(6, 1)	(4, 6)	(3, 7)
	6	(6, 6)	(4, 1)	(3, 0)	(1, 7)	(5, 4)	(7, 3)	(0, 2)	(2, 5)
	7	(7, 7)	(6, 2)	(5, 6)	(4, 3)	(3, 5)	(2, 0)	(1, 4)	(0, 1)



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On the way...

- Construction of quadratic orthogonal Latin squares
- Applications in cryptography and error detection/correction



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