

On the Parameters of 2- Class Hadamard Association Schemes

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Abstract- We have all possible parameter of 2-class association schemes having the property that suitable $(1, -1)$ - linear combinations of their association matrices yield the blocks of a Hadamard matrix (H-matrix) of certain classical form of Paley and Williamson. Some 2-class association schemes with the above parameters are identified. The known Hadamard Coherent Configurations or 2-Class Association Schemes (CC's or 2-AS's) listed in Table 2 do not yield H-matrices of new order. However we have forwarded new methods of constructing H-matrices of the forms II and III. The developed technique gives several easy constructions of H-matrix from any 2-AS, whose parameters are given.

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I. INTRODUCTION

An $(n \times n)$ matrix H with entries $+1$ and -1 is called a **Hadamard matrix** (or H-matrix), if $\{H H^T = n I_n\}$. If $(n > 2)$ and H-matrix of order n exists, then $(n = 4t)$, where t is an integer. It is conjectured that H-matrix of order $4t$ exists for every $(t \geq 1)$. It remains unsettled in spite of various methods of constructions forwarded by different authors. For a brief surveys see Hall (1967), Hedayat et.al. (1978). However the conjecture is supported by the fact that for every order $4t$ $(t > 3)$ investigated there are several in-equivalent H-matrices of order $4t$ reported by Seberry (2001). We recall following definitions from Alejandro et al. (2003) and Raghavarao (1988).

1.1 Coherent configuration (CC):

Let $X = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and $P = \{R_0, R_1, \dots, R_t\}$ be a set of binary relations on X satisfying the following four relations:

- P is a partition of X^2 .
- there is a subset P_0 of P which is a partition of the diagonal, $D = \{(\alpha, \alpha) : \alpha \in X\}$.
- for any relation $R_i \in P$, its converse R_i^T (or R_i^{-1}) $\in P$.
- for $0 \leq i, j, k \leq t$, there exists an integer p_{ij}^k such that $(\alpha, \beta) \in R_k$ implies the order of the set $\{\gamma : (\alpha, \gamma) \in R_i \text{ and } (\gamma, \beta) \in R_j\}$ is p_{ij}^k which is independent of the choice of $(\alpha, \beta) \in R_k$. p_{ij}^k are called intersection numbers or parameters of the CC.

Let $A_i = [a_{jk}]$ be the (0, 1)-matrix, is called adjacency matrix of the relation R_i , defined as:

$$a_{jk} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } (j, k) \in R_i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Clearly $A = \{A_0, A_1, \dots, A_t\}$ satisfies

(c_1) $A_0 + A_1 + \dots + A_t = J_n$ (all 1 matrix)

(c_2) there is a subset of the set A , with sum I_n

$$(c_3) A_i A_j = \sum_{k=0}^t p_{ij}^k A_k \dots \quad (1)$$

A is called basis algebra or coherent algebra of the CC as the matrices belonging to A form a basis of an associative algebra over the field of complex numbers. A CC is faithfully represented by basis matrices A_i of its basis algebra. A CC $P = \{R_0, R_1, \dots, R_t\}$ is called a t -class Association Scheme (t -AS) if it contains an identity relation R_0 (or $A_0 = I$) and its relations R_i are symmetric (or basis matrices A_i of its coherent algebra are symmetric). Basis matrices of an Association Scheme (AS) are called association matrices. A 2-class association scheme is equivalent to a strongly regular graph.

If p_{ij}^k are parameters of a 2-class Association Schemes, $p_{ii}^0 = n_i$ is called the number of i^{th} associates of a point and n_1, n_2 and p_{ij}^k satisfy,

$$p_{ij}^k = p_{ji}^k, \quad p_{i0}^i = \delta_{ij}, \quad p_{ij}^0 = 0; \text{ when } i \neq j,$$

$$n_1 + n_2 = v - 1 \text{ and } p_{j1}^i + p_{j2}^i = n^i \delta_{ij}, \quad i, j = 1, 2 \dots \quad (2)$$

1.2 H-matrices from AS or CC:

A project of the first author is to obtain all ASs and CCs defined by minimum number of relations leading to the construction of an H-matrix of given form. It was motivated by the fact that the construction of H-matrices of Paley uses a family of CC's and that of Williamson uses a family of AS's. Today we have several ASs and CCs used in Statistics and Coding theory but a few which are suitable for the construction of H-matrices. In view of the significance of such schemes, we forward the following definition:

Hadamard CC or AS: A CC or AS $\{A = (A_i)\}$ will be called Hadamard (or H-CC or H-AS related to an H-matrix of a given form) if suitable (1, -1)-linear combination (or combinations) of (0,1)-basis matrices A_i of its coherent algebra yields a Hadamard matrix (or blocks of the Hadamard matrix).

The present paper is a part of the above project confined to Hadamard 2-AS's. A result in this direction is due to Singh, et al. (2002) who forwarded a method of constructing H-matrices from underlying 2-ASs of a partial geometry. Here we obtain the parameters of four families of Hadamard 2-ASs. Finally we have identified and tabulated 2-ASs included in the families.

II. PARAMETERS OF HADAMARD 2-ASS

We consider Hadamard matrices of the following form and order, whose dependence on the association matrices of Hadamard 2-ASs or basis matrices of H-CC's (which are trivial extension of 2-ASs) are shown below.

TABLE 1

No.	Form of the H-matrix	Order of the H-matrix
I	$H = I - A_1 + A_2$, where A_1, A_2 are association matrices of a 2-AS on $v = 4t$ points.	$O(H) = v = 4t$
II	$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & e \\ e^t & I - A_1 + A_2 \end{bmatrix}$, where A_1, A_2 are association matrices of a 2-AS on $v = 4t - 1$ points.	$O(H) = v + 1 = 4t$
III	$H = H \times I_v + K \times (A_1 - A_2)$, where $K = V_n H$, $V_n = I_{h/2} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, h = order of an H-matrix H and A_1, A_2 are association Matrices of a 2-AS on $v = 2n$ points.	$O(H) = 2nh$
IV	$H = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ -B & A \end{bmatrix}$, where $A = I - A_1 + A_2$, $B = I + A_1 - A_2$, and A_1 and A_2 are association matrices of a 2-AS on $2t$ points.	$O(H) = 4t$

Theorem: Let $AS(i)$, $i=1, 2, 3, 4$ be four families of the association schemes required by the forms I, II, III, IV respectively in table1 as per Singh et al. (2009). Then for some values of n and m ,

1. A 2-AS of $AS(1)$ has parameters

(i) $v=4n^2$ $n_1 = p_{11}^2 = n(2n-1)$, $p_{11}^1 = p_{11}^2 = n(n-1)$.

or (ii) $v=4n^2$ $n_1 = p_{11}^2 = n(2n+1)$,

$p_{11}^1 = p_{11}^2 = n(n+1)$.

2. A 2-AS of $AS(2)$ has the parameters $v = 4n^2 - 1$,

$n_1 = 2n^2$, $p_{12}^1 = n^2 - 1$, $p_{12}^2 = n^2$ and contains the

2-AS of $pg(n, 2n+1, n)$.

3. A 2-AS of $AS(3)$ has parameters $v = (2n - 1)^2 + 1$, $n_1 = p_{11}^2 = m(2n - 1)$, $p_{12}^1 = p_{12}^2 = n^2 - n$,

where $n \geq 2$, $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \leq m \leq n - 1$ and contains

the AS of $pg(n, 2n, n)$.

4. $AS(4) = AS(3)$.

A common property shared by all the Hadamard 2-ASs belonging to the above four families is that the parameters p_{12}^1 and p_{12}^2 are as equal as possible i.e. $|p_{12}^1 - p_{12}^2| = 0$ or 1 .

III. TABLE OF KNOWN HADAMARD 2-ASs

TABLE 2

Hadamard 2-AS	Family	Source of the Hadamard 2-AS
$(v, p_{11}^0, p_{11}^1, p_{11}^2)$	AS (i) and form of the H-matrix	
(1)(i) AS $(4n^2, n)$		Infinitely many 2-ASs obtained from Bush type

- (iii) 180 2-ASs with parameters (36, 14, 4, 6) reported by Spence and AS (64, 36, 22, 22) by Brouwer,
- (iv) dual of BIBDs with $v = 2n^2 - n$, $k = n$, $\lambda = 1$ for $n = 3, \dots, 9$ vide Hall no.14, 32, 51, 77, 111, 145, 174 respectively,
- (v) dual of BIBD ($2n^2 - 2n + 1$, $k = n$, $\lambda = 1$) with Hall No.9, 22, 42 for $n = 3, 4, 5$ respectively.

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