

Lecture 11

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Disproof of Euler's Conjecture

Definition (Transversal Designs)

(X, \mathcal{B}) ,

A $GDD(n, m; m, \lambda)$, is also known as a transversal design

$T(n; m, \lambda)$, i.e., each block is of size m (the number of blocks) or each block $B \in \mathcal{B}$ intersects each group.

(*) Observation

The existence of a pair of orthogonal Latin squares of order n is equivalent to the existence of a $T(n; 4, 1)$ design.

(*) If we can construct a $T(n; m, 1)$, then there exist $m-2$ MOLS(n)'s.

(*) Since a $T(n; n+1, 1)$ exists for prime power n , there exist $n-1$ MOLS(n)'s.

(*) A consequence of PG(n): Delete an element say "0" and then keep all the blocks of size $n+1$.

Another idea of constructing $\text{MOLS}(n)$'s comes from the construction of $\text{PBD}, (X, B)$, where $|X| = n$.

Theorem Let (X, B) be λ - $(n, K, 1)$ design such that for each $k \in K$, there exist, at least t mutually orthogonal Latin squares of order k . Then, there exist $t-1$ $\text{MOLS}(n)$'s.

Proof. If for each $k \in K$, there exists an idempotent Latin square of order k , then there exists an idempotent $\text{LS}(n)$ which is obtained from (X, B) , see next page for an example. Therefore, if there are at least $t-1$ idempotent mutually orthogonal Latin squares of order k for each $k \in K$, then we can construct $t-1$ idempotent Latin squares of order n .

(*) (A consequence of the existence of t $\text{MOLS}(k)$'s.)

By the fact that all induced subsquares from blocks are orthogonal, these $t-1$ Latin squares of order n are also mutually orthogonal.

(By two fingers rule!?)

$$X = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$$

$$B = \{0123, 0456, 0789, 147, 258, 369, 159, 267, 348, 168, 249, 357\}$$

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0	2	3	1	5	6	4	8	9	7
3	△	0	2	△	9	8	△	6	5
1	3	2	0	9	8	7	6	5	4
2	0	1	3	8	7	9	5	4	6
6	△	9	8	△	0	5	△	3	2
4	9	8	7	6	5	0	3	2	1
5	8	7	9	0	4	6	2	1	3
9	△	6	5	△	3	2	△	0	8
7	6	5	4	3	5	1	9	8	0
8	5	4	6	2	1	3	0	7	9

a	c	b
c	b	a
b	a	c

a	c	d	b
d	b	a	c
b	d	c	a
c	a	b	d

(*) If $\{i, j\}$ occurs in B_k , then use the idempotent Latin square defined on B_k to fill in L_{ij} or L_{ji} respectively.

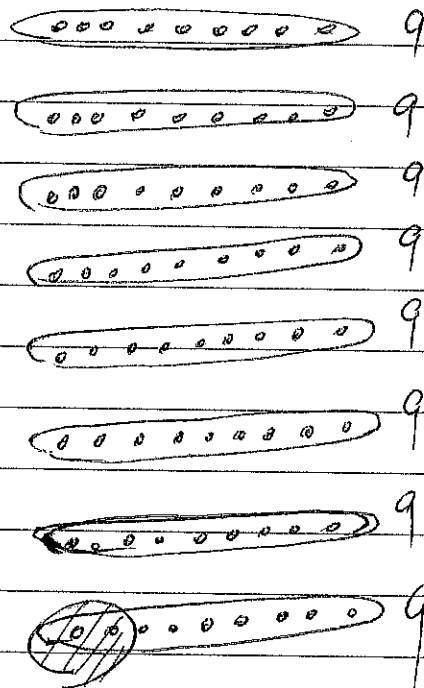
Conclusion

- (i) If $i = j$, then $L_{ij} = i$.
- (ii) If $i \neq j$, L_{ij} is an element of B_k where $\{i, j\} \subseteq B_k$.
- (iii) $L_{ij} \neq L_{ij'}$ and $L_{ij} \neq L_{i'j}$.
($\{i, j\}$ and $\{i, j'\}$, resp. $\{i, j\}$ and $\{i', j\}$ are not in the same block.)

Since a $2-(22, \{4, 7\}, 1)$ design exists, there exists a pair of MOLS(22)'s. In fact, for each $v \geq 19$ and $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, a $2-(v, \{4, 7\}, 1)$ design exists. (Prove this for a bonus problem.) Hence, a pair of MOLS(v)'s exists for $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ and $v \geq 19$.

(*) We can use a $2-(v, \{7, 8, 9\}, 1)$ design exists for certain v 's to show that five MOLS(v)'s exist.

For example, $v = 70$



Start with
AG(9) and
truncate two
elements from
the last block.

(5 points)

Exercise 4-1 Find an order $v = 2 \cdot (2m+1)$ such that there exist, at least 10 MOLS(v)'s.

Construction of $T(3m+u; 4, 1)$ where

(1) a $T(m; 5, 1)$ exists, (2) a $T(u; 4, 1)$ exists and (3) $m \geq u$.

Step 1 Let (X_1, B_1) be a $T(m; 5, 1)$ with five groups G_1, G_2, G_3, G_4, G_5 and (X_2, B_2) be a $T(u; 4, 1)$ with four groups $H_i = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_u\} \times \{i\}$, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, i.e., $H_i = \{(x_1, i), (x_2, i), \dots, (x_u, i)\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x_{1,i}, x_{2,i}, \dots, x_{u,i}\}$.

Step 2 Let (X'_1, B'_1) be the $T(m; 4, 1)$ obtained by truncating G_5 . Hence, B'_1 can be partitioned into m parallel classes $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_u, \dots, L_m$ where each L_j is a set of m disjoint blocks of size 4 defined on $X_1 \setminus G_5 = X'_1$. ($|X'_1| = 4m$, $|B'_1| = m^2$)

Step 3 Let \mathcal{X} be defined as follows:

$\bar{G}_1: (G_1 \times \{1\}, G_1 \times \{2\}, G_1 \times \{3\}, H_1) \leftarrow$ Each group contains $3m+u$ elements.

$\bar{G}_2: (G_2 \times \{1\}, G_2 \times \{2\}, G_2 \times \{3\}, H_2)$

$\bar{G}_3: (G_3 \times \{1\}, G_3 \times \{2\}, G_3 \times \{3\}, H_3)$

$\bar{G}_4: (G_4 \times \{1\}, G_4 \times \{2\}, G_4 \times \{3\}, H_4)$

An example, $m=7, s=5$, (Notation for $T(3m+4; 4, 1)$)

$$G_1 = \{g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4, g_5, g_6, g_7\} \quad H_j = \{(x_1, i), (x_2, i), (x_3, i), (x_4, i), (x_5, i)\}$$

$$G_2 = \{g_8, g_9, g_{10}, g_{11}, g_{12}, g_{13}, g_{14}\}$$

$$G_3 = \{g_{15}, g_{16}, g_{17}, g_{18}, g_{19}, g_{20}, g_{21}\}$$

$$G_4 = \{g_{22}, g_{23}, g_{24}, g_{25}, g_{26}, g_{27}, g_{28}\}$$

$$\overline{G}_1: g_{1,1} g_{2,1} g_{3,1} g_{4,1} g_{5,1} g_{6,1} g_{7,1} g_{1,2} g_{2,2} g_{3,2} g_{4,2} g_{5,2} g_{6,2} g_{7,2} g_{1,3} g_{2,3} g_{3,3} g_{4,3} g_{5,3} g_{6,3} g_{7,3} \\ x_{1,1} x_{2,1} x_{3,1} x_{4,1} x_{5,1}$$

$$\overline{G}_2: g_{8,1} g_{9,1} g_{10,1} g_{11,1} g_{12,1} g_{13,1} g_{14,1} g_{8,2} g_{9,2} g_{10,2} \dots g_{14,2} g_{8,3} g_{9,3} \dots g_{14,3} x_{1,2} x_{2,2} x_{3,2} x_{4,2} x_{5,2}$$

$$\overline{G}_3: g_{15,1} g_{16,1} \dots g_{21,1} g_{15,2} g_{16,2} \dots g_{21,2} g_{15,3} g_{16,3} \dots g_{21,3} x_{1,3} x_{2,3} x_{3,3} x_{4,3} x_{5,3}$$

$$\overline{G}_4: \dots$$

In general, $\overline{G}_j = G_j \times \{1, 2, 3\} \cup H_j, j=1, 2, 3, 4$.

Therefore, $X = \bigcup_{j=1}^4 \overline{G}_j$.

The construction follows by defining \mathcal{B} properly!

Step 4 Choose u parallel classes from (X', B') , say

L_1, L_2, \dots, L_u . Starting from $L_1 = \{B_{1,1}, B_{2,1}, \dots, B_{m,1}\}$, use

$(B_{i,1} \times \{1,2,3\}) \cup \{x_{1,1}, x_{2,1}, x_{3,1}, x_{4,1}\}$ to construct a $T(4;4,1)$ which

contains the block $\{x_{1,1}, x_{2,1}, x_{3,1}, x_{4,1}\}$. \rightarrow 这个 block 固定, 但是 i

是由 1 到 m , 因此我们共有 m 个 $T(4;4,1)$. 一直到 L_u , 固定

$\{x_{u,1}, x_{u,2}, x_{u,3}, x_{u,4}\}$. (排口排固定的不算, 一共有 $15mu$ 个 blocks.)

Step 5 For those blocks s_{λ} in $L_{u+1} \cup L_{u+2} \cup \dots \cup L_m$, we use

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (a,1), (a,2), (a,3) \\ (b,1), (b,2), (b,3) \\ (c,1), (c,2), (c,3) \\ (d,1), (d,2), (d,3) \end{array} \right\}$$
 to construct a $T(3;4,1)$.

In total, we have $9 \cdot (m-u) \cdot m$ blocks.

Step 6 Construct a $T(u;4,1)$ based on $\bigcup_{j=1}^u H_j$.

In total, we have u^2 blocks. Combining Steps 4-6, we

have $15mu + 9m^2 - 9um + u^2 = 9m^2 + 6mu + u^2 = (3m+u)^2$.

Step 7 Step 6 shows that the total numbers ^{of} pairs we have (from different groups)

is $6 \cdot (3m+u)^2$. We have to claim every pair from different groups occurs in a block in Steps 4-6.

Now, consider (y, i) and (z, j) , $i \neq j$. If one of them is equal to x , then they occur together in a block ^(y and z) either from Step 4 or Step 6. On the other hand, both of them are not equal to x , then they occur together in a block ^(y and z) of (X', B') _{$1 \leq i \neq j \leq 3$} . Hence, they, (y, i) and (z, j) , occur together in blocks from Step 4 or 5 depending on whether y and z are in a block of the u parallel classes or not.

(*) Fact: If there exist three MOLS(m)'s and two MOLS(u)'s, then there exists a pair of MOLS($3m+u$).

(**) Choose prime powers m and $u \neq 2$ or 6 to construct the desired MOLS($3m+u$).

$$(m, u) \Rightarrow (5, 3) \rightarrow 18$$

$$(7, 1) \rightarrow 22$$

$$(7, 5) \rightarrow 26$$

$$(9, 3) \rightarrow 30$$

$$(9, 7) \rightarrow 34$$

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n	m	u
$18k$	$6k-1$	3
$18k+2$	$6k-1$	5
$18k+4$	$6k+1$	1
$18k+6$	$6k+1$	3
$18k+8$	$6k+1$	5
$18k+10$	$6k+1$	7
$18k+12$	$6k+1$	9
$18k+14$	$6k+1$	11
$18k+16$	$6k+5$	1

n, m, u 的選擇

← $k \geq 2$; the case $k=1$ can be replaced by letting $m=9$ and $u=3$.

$(6k+1, 13)$ 在 $k=1$ 時不能用。

Exercise 4-2 (5 points)

Prove that there exists a pair of MOLS (v) 's for each $v \in \{1, 2, 6\}$.

了 10 階拉丁方陣外，需要更好的組合設計來協助，這一個部分留待第三章再介紹。以下是互相垂直的兩個 10 階拉丁方陣，E.T.Park_{ov} 與 Bose 及 Shrikhande 在 1959 年分別宣稱推翻了尤拉猜測，然而 Bose 及 Shrikhande 兩人的工作似乎獲得較明確的肯定，這應該歸功於他們完整的工作，也就是對於所有的 $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ， $n \geq 10$ ，都能建構 2 個 $\text{MOLS}(n)$ ，而不是只有 10 階拉丁方陣。

4	0	9	8	3	2	7	5	6	1
2	3	7	5	4	0	9	8	1	6
8	1	6	9	0	4	5	3	2	7
9	8	1	4	5	6	3	2	7	0
0	9	8	6	1	3	2	7	4	5
7	2	3	1	6	5	4	0	9	8
5	4	0	3	2	7	6	1	8	9
6	5	4	2	7	1	8	9	0	3
1	6	5	7	8	9	0	4	3	2
3	7	2	0	9	8	1	6	5	4

5	4	0	1	2	7	8	9	3	6
3	1	6	4	8	5	9	2	0	7
0	9	8	7	3	6	1	4	5	2
2	5	4	3	6	1	7	8	9	0
9	8	7	6	1	0	4	5	2	3
1	6	3	5	9	2	0	7	4	8
8	7	2	9	0	4	5	3	6	1
4	0	9	2	7	8	3	6	1	5
7	2	5	0	4	3	6	1	8	9
6	3	1	8	5	9	2	0	7	4

兩個互相垂直的 10 階拉丁方陣

定理 4.11. 對於所有的 n ，除了 1,2,6 之外， $M(n) \geq 2$ 。

證明： $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ 留在第三章證明。

垂直拉丁方陣需要利用組合設計來協助建構，而反過來，我們也可以利用它來建構組合設計，參考第二章。另一方面，在實驗設計上，它也扮演非常重要的角色。

定義 4.12. (正交表或垂直陣列 Orthogonal Array) 一個深度 (Depth) 為 k ，秩為 n 的正交表 $\text{OA}(k, n)$ 是一個 $k \times n^2$ 的陣列， $A = [a_{i,j}]$ ，

12	7	0	6	4	2	11	9	13	5	3	1	10	8
1	11	10	4	5	6	13	8	9	0	7	12	2	3
2	1	11	0	7	12	3	4	5	6	13	8	9	10
10	9	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	13	0	7	12	11
7	0	12	3	1	10	8	6	4	2	11	9	13	5
3	2	1	13	8	9	10	11	0	7	12	4	5	6
5	4	3	10	11	1	2	0	7	12	6	13	8	9
13	6	5	2	3	4	0	7	12	8	9	10	11	1
9	8	13	5	6	0	7	12	10	11	1	2	3	4
11	10	9	8	0	7	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	13
0	12	7	11	9	13	5	3	1	10	8	6	4	2
4	3	2	7	12	5	6	13	8	9	10	11	1	0
6	5	4	12	13	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	0	7
8	13	6	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	5	0	7	12

12	13	4	10	7	0	1	9	6	3	11	8	5	2
9	8	10	5	6	7	4	13	12	11	1	2	3	0
5	0	6	7	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	13	12
6	5	7	1	2	3	0	4	13	12	8	9	10	11
4	12	13	6	3	11	8	5	2	10	7	0	1	9
1	11	2	9	10	4	13	12	3	0	5	6	7	8
0	3	5	2	4	13	12	6	7	8	9	10	11	1
7	6	8	4	13	12	9	10	11	1	2	3	0	5
10	9	11	13	12	1	2	3	0	5	6	7	8	4
2	1	3	12	0	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	13
13	4	12	3	11	8	5	2	10	7	0	1	9	6
8	7	9	11	1	2	3	0	5	6	4	13	12	10
11	10	1	0	5	6	7	8	9	4	13	12	2	3
3	2	0	8	9	10	11	1	4	13	12	5	6	7

圖 6.3 MOLS(14)